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Report: Al-Qaeda Threat High

Top intel analysts see heightened risk of strike on U.S. soil

WASHINGTON | Al-Qaeda is using its growing strength in Pakistan and Iraq to plot attacks on U.S. soil, heightening the terror threat facing the United States over the next few years, intelligence agencies concluded in a report unveiled Tuesday.

In the report prepared for President Bush and other top policymakers, analysts laid out a range of dangers — from al-Qaeda to Lebanese Hezbollah to non-Muslim radical groups — that pose a "persistent and evolving threat" to

the country over the next three years.

The findings focused most heavily on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, which was judged to remain the most serious threat to the U.S. The group's affiliate in Iraq, which has not yet posed a direct threat to U.S. soil, could do just that, the report concluded. Al-Qaeda in Iraq threatened to attack the United States in a Web statement last September.

In addition, analysts stressed the importance of al-Qaeda's increasingly comfort-



Bin Laden

able hideout in Pakistan that resulted from a hands-off accord between Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and tribal leaders along the Afghan border.

National Intelligence Estimates are the most authoritative written judgments of the 16 spy agencies across the breadth of the U.S. government. These documents reflect the consensus long-term thinking of top intelligence analysts. KATHERINE SHRADER (AP)

Tour de France Rookie Wins Mountain Stage



DOWNSHILL FAST: Riders speed down the Iseran Pass during the ninth stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday. Juan Mauricio Soler of Colombia, competing in his first Tour for the newcomer Barloworld team, won the last of the Tour's grueling mountain stages. Michael Rasmussen of Denmark kept the overall lead.

TOUGH | Dental Implant Australian rugby player Ben Czislowski competed for more than three months despite the headaches that started after a clash with Tweed Heads forward Matt Austin on April 1. Czislowski, who plays for team Wynnum, had a head wound stitched up



afterward, the Australian Associated Press reported. Czislowski later suffered an eye infection and complained of lethargy and shooting pains in his head. Then, last week, his doctor found the source: one of Austin's teeth embedded in Czislowski's head. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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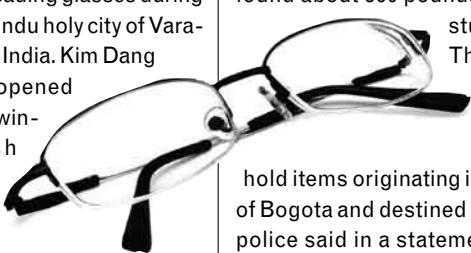
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Lesson to Monkeys: Ask Before Taking

A South Korean tourist has filed a formal complaint against a monkey who, he says, stole his reading glasses during his visit to the Hindu holy city of Varanasi in northern India. Kim Hoon says he opened his hotel room window for fresh air when the monkey made his move. "He headed straight to the table where my glasses were kept and took it away," Kim said in the statement. On Tuesday, police combed Varanasi's alleys, searching for the monkey. "It is difficult to trace the monkey, but I am trying my best to locate the rogue," investigating officer Inspector Govind Singh said from Varanasi, some 185 miles southeast of Lucknow. (AP)



MUSIC

It Sounded Like Pot

When a grand piano played an off-key note, drug police in Cartagena, Colombia, opened it up and found about 560 pounds of cocaine stuffed inside. The piano was part of a shipment of household items originating in the capital of Bogota and destined for Panama, police said in a statement Monday. Authorities were investigating but had made no arrests. The drugs' value was estimated at \$5 million. Agents in Cartagena noticed the piano was suspiciously heavy and decided to tap some keys, only to find the sound quality seemed strange, according to the statement. The cocaine was discovered packed into various recesses of the instrument. (AP)



BEATWAX/AP

PAGANS VS. 'THE SIMPSONS'

Homer, Sexual

"The Simpsons" have gone many places in their 18 years: Japan, Brazil, England and even Rhode Island in an unfortunate episode. Now Homer is back in Britain, in the form of a 180-foot painting — complete with a doughnut — next to the Cerne Abbas giant chalk sketching in Dorset. Homer's image is made out of water-based biodegradable paint that will wash away as soon as it rains. That can't come soon enough for the area's pagans, who are certainly having a cow over the promotion for "The Simpsons Movie." They've pledged to perform "rain magic" to quickly wash away Homer, whose presence they feel is defiling the giant, their famous symbol of fertility. (EXPRESS)



Yin was later tried — and convicted — of plotting to assassinate Tai Shan.

ESCAPES

Prison Break

Virginia Zoo officials on Monday began trimming the landscaping around a new red panda exhibit after the animal escaped for the second time in less than a month. Yin, a 1-year-old who resembles a raccoon with red, white and black fur, was discovered missing from her exhibit Saturday. On June 21, Yin made visitors wait two hours for her debut only to escape into a nearby tree. "She's a character," said Alison Till, the zoo's director of development. (AP)

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WARNING SIGNS: The Army is launching an education program to teach 1 million soldiers how to recognize symptoms of brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder, the two signature injuries of the Iraq war. The program aims to encourage troops to get treatment.

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In Brief

CHICAGO

Study: Fruit and Veggie Diet Won't Stop Cancer's Return

Hopes that a diet low in fat and chock-full of fruits and vegetables could prevent the return of breast cancer were dashed Tuesday by a large, seven-year experiment in more than 3,000 women. The government study found no benefit from a mega-veggies-and-fruit diet over the U.S. recommended servings of five fruits and vegetables a day — more than most Americans eat. (AP)



Colo. Gov. Bill Ritter speaks Tuesday about a shooting outside his office.

DENVER

Man Killed in Colo. Capitol Was Carrying Loaded Gun

Aaron Snyder, a 32-year-old who declared himself "the emperor" before being fatally shot by a state trooper outside Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter's office, was carrying a loaded .357 handgun, authorities said Tuesday. Denver Police Chief Gerry Whitman said it appears Snyder had "some type of mental problem," but he did not elaborate. (AP)

Senate Strains Escalating Over Iraq

Democrats force rare all-night session on withdrawal legislation

WASHINGTON | Senate Democrats refused to flinch Tuesday as the chamber moved toward a rare, all-night session of debate on legislation to bring troops home this fall.

They called for sleeping cots to be rolled into a room off the Senate floor and told members to prepare for repeated votes throughout the evening. Senators even left open the possibility of dispatching the sergeant at arms to summon colleagues from their homes to the floor if lawmakers ignored the debate.

The threat was reminiscent of a 1988 debate on campaign finance reform in which Capitol police carried Oregon Republican Sen. Robert Packwood into the Senate feetfirst



Capitol Hill maintenance workers prepare cots for senators on Tuesday. An all-night Senate debate about withdrawing troops from Iraq was planned for Tuesday.

shortly after 1 a.m.

The goal of the planned marathon debate was to test the patience of Republicans, who have threatened to filibuster the bill.

After months of a threatened filibuster, Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said it was "time for a taste of the real thing."

Republicans dismissed the maneuver as political theater and said the Senate should forgo the debate and vote immediately on whether to advance the measure. Whether the vote comes Tuesday or Wednesday, the proposal is expected to gain a majority of senators but not reach the 60-vote threshold.

The legislation, proposed by Sens. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Jack Reed, D-R.I., would order troops to start leaving in 120 days and complete the pullout by April 30, 2008. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

Officers on Perilous Hunt for Sniper

Suspect with military training disappears in rugged Wyo. terrain

CHEYENNE, WYO. | David Munis was trained by the Army in how to live off the land, how to move stealthily in the wilderness, how to throw pursuers off his trail and how to squeeze off a shot from a concealed position and hit a target the size of a postage stamp at 100 yards away.



Law enforcement officers in Wyoming continue their search for David Munis.

Those skills could make it extremely difficult — and dangerous — for the law officers trying to hunt him down.

Munis, a military sniper, is wanted on first-degree murder charges in the death of his estranged wife, who was cut down with a bullet that came crashing through a plate-glass door at a Cheyenne restaurant and lounge and struck her in the head as she sang the Toby Keith song "I Love This Bar."

"Apprehending a man with that kind of sniper skill and the weaponry he has available to him is an extremely dangerous type of proposition," said Cheyenne police spokesman Capt. Jeff Schulz.

On Monday night, Munis' truck was found in rugged mountains north of Laramie, about 50 miles west of Cheyenne. Police said they believe that Munis, a devoted hunter, fled into terrain where his training could give him the advantage. He was believed to have at least one high-powered rifle with him.

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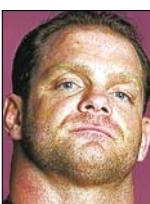
The percentage of Republican voters who say they don't know which GOP candidate they will back for the party's presidential nomination, an Associated Press poll finds.

Steroids Found in Wrestler

Medical examiner says drug didn't play role in murder-suicide

DECATUR, GA. | Pro wrestler Chris Benoit had steroids and other drugs in his system when he killed his wife and young son last month and hanged himself in the family's home, investigators said Tuesday.

Benoit's body contained 10 times the normal level of testosterone, which appeared to have been injected shortly before he died, as well as the anti-anxiety drug Xanax and the painkiller hydrocodone, authorities said.



Benoit

The state's top medical examiner, Dr. Kris Sperry, said there was no evidence of any other anabolic steroids in the wrestler's body, and nothing to show that steroids played a role in the death of Nancy and Daniel Benoit.

"An elevation of that ratio does not translate into something abnormal in a person's thought process or behavior," he said.

Sperry said the boy appeared to have been sedated when he was

asphyxiated, and Benoit's wife had a "therapeutic" level of sedatives in her body.

Benoit killed his wife and 7-year-old son, placed Bibles next to their bodies and then hanged himself on the cable of a weight machine.

Benoit's wife, Nancy, tested positive for Xanax, hydrocodone and the painkiller hydromorphone. Daniel Benoit had Xanax in his system, authorities said.

Authorities have charged Benoit's physician, Dr. Phil Astin, with improperly prescribing painkillers and other drugs to two patients other than Benoit. He has pleaded not guilty. GREG BLUESTEIN (AP)

VALLEY CENTER, KAN. | SOLVENTS PLANT EXPLOSION



BO RADER/AP

PLENTY OF FUEL: Storage tanks burn after an explosion Tuesday at Barton Solvents. Hundreds of residents were evacuated from their homes after the first blast at about 9:15 a.m. About 660,000 pounds of chemicals were burning in the tanks, authorities said. Barton Solvents President David Casten said no workers were hurt in the blast.

HEARSAY | PROTEST

"Seattle has never had a problem with this ride. This is what happens when there's a communication failure."

—DANIEL JOHNSON, ORGANIZER OF THE NAKED BIKE RIDE IN SEATTLE, A PROTEST AGAINST POLLUTION. THREE OF THE NAKED RIDERS WERE ARRESTED ON SATURDAY.

Sept. 11 Workers Sue Insurance Fund

NEW YORK | Ailing Ground Zero workers in New York went to court Tuesday to demand that the company overseeing a \$1 billion Sept. 11 insurance fund uses it to pay for their health care.

Attorneys for the workers argue that federal officials meant for the money in the WTC Captive Insurance Co. to be used as compensation for sick workers.

New York City officials have long said that the money must first be used to litigate claims before it goes to workers. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who was named in the suit, said Tuesday that attorneys are wrong about the company's structure.

"The truth of the matter is, Congress didn't set up a victims' compensation fund," the mayor said. (AP)



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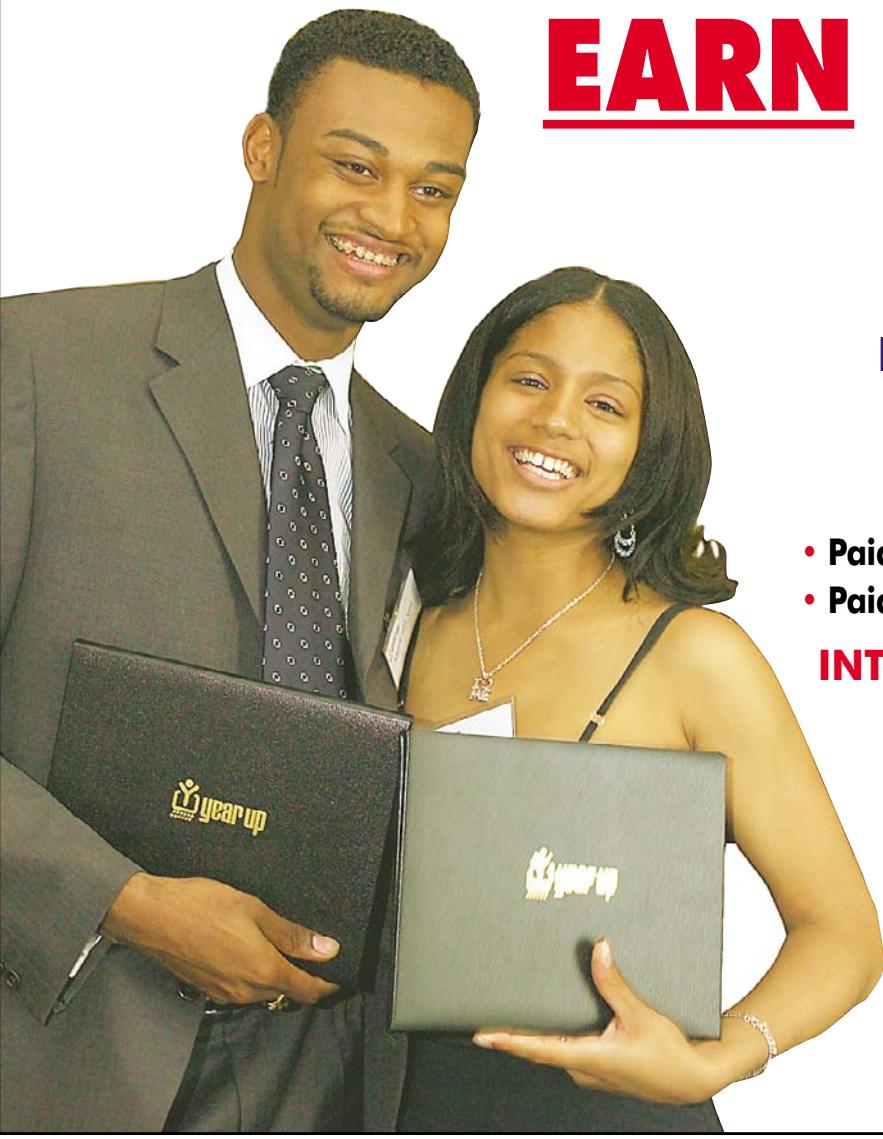
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—Elizabeth Edwards, who said that John Edwards, as president, would be a better advocate for women



Nation

Federal Judge Will Not Acquit Padilla in Trial

MIAMI | A federal judge refused Tuesday to acquit Jose Padilla and two co-defendants on terrorism support charges, clearing the way for defense lawyers to begin presenting their case this week.

U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke, ruling after a daylong hearing, said the evidence and testimony offered by the prosecution over the past nine weeks was enough proof to let a jury decide whether the men are guilty.

"That is something the jurors will have to find," Cooke said.

Padilla, a U.S. citizen also held for 3½ years without charge as an enemy combatant, is accused in the Miami case of completing a form to attend an al-Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan. (AP)

VA Head Resigns Amid Care Probe

Nicholson ends tenure with department after budget, security woes

WASHINGTON | Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson abruptly resigned Tuesday after months of the Bush administration struggling to defend charges of shoddy health care for veterans injured in the Iraq war.

Nicholson, a former Republican National Committee chairman and a Vietnam War veteran, was picked by President Bush to head the Veterans Affairs Department in 2005. Planning to return to the private sector, he said his resignation is to take effect no later than Oct. 1.

Nicholson is the latest in a line of senior officials heading for the exits in the final 1½ years of the



Bush administration.

His resignation comes amid intense political and public scrutiny of the Pentagon and VA following reports of shoddy outpatient care of injured troops and veterans.

It also ends a beleaguered two-year tenure in which Nicholson repeatedly fought off calls for his resignation over the VA's unexpected \$1.3 billion shortfall in 2005 that put health care at risk; last summer's theft of 26.5 million veterans' personal data in what was the government's largest security breach; and, more recently, the award of \$3.8 million in bonuses to senior officials who were responsible for the agency's budget problems.

"It has been an honor and privilege to lead the VA during this historic time for our men and women who have worn the uniform," Nicholson said in a statement. (AP)

Jim Nicholson has resigned as secretary of the Veterans Affairs Department, ending a troubled tenure in which he repeatedly fought off calls for his resignation.

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World



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In Brief



Injured bomb victims receive treatment at a hospital in Islamabad on Tuesday.

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

Suicide Attacker Kills 15 Amid Rally for Ousted Judge

A suicide bomber killed 15 people at a rally for Pakistan's suspended chief justice Tuesday, officials said, ratcheting up tension in a country already reeling from a burst of violence by Islamist extremists. The attack came before a verdict in a legal battle that has pitched judge Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and which could determine the U.S.-backed military ruler's political future. Musharraf condemned the blast as a "terrorist act." (AP)

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Photos Allegedly Show Archbishop Having an Affair

State media published photographs Tuesday allegedly taken by a camera hidden in a Roman Catholic archbishop's bedroom, claiming they show the outspoken government critic undressing beside a woman he is accused of having an affair with. Archbishop Pius Ncube's lawyer has called an adultery case filed Monday against the cleric an "orchestrated attempt" to embarrass him and said Ncube would deny the allegations in court. (AP)

KASHIWAZAKI, JAPAN

Nuclear Plant Damaged In Quake Was in Disrepair

A long list of problems — including radiation leaks, burst pipes and fires — came to light Tuesday at the world's largest nuclear power plant, a day after it was hit by a powerful earthquake. The malfunctions and a delay in reporting them fueled concerns about the safety of Japan's 55 nuclear reactors, which have suffered a string of accidents. (AP)

Massacre Reported in Shiite Village

U.S. troops launch offensive after 29 die in restive Diyala area

BAGHDAD | U.S. troops stormed Tuesday into an insurgent-controlled area of a turbulent province where police reported that gunmen — some wearing military clothing — had massacred 29 Shiite villagers the night before.

The fighting escalated north of Baghdad as America's top general, Peter Pace, said parts of Iraq

are undergoing a "sea change" in security, notably Ramadi, where Sunni tribes have turned against al-Qaeda in Iraq. Attacks against U.S. forces in that city have dropped dramatically.

But success in some areas is tempered by violence elsewhere and continued doubts over the ability of Iraq's political leaders to set aside their differences and achieve a lasting peace.

American soldiers backed by tanks and helicopters rolled into the eastern part of Baqouba, the capital

of Diyala province. Sunni extremists were believed to be moving out of Baqouba in anticipation of a U.S. attack, seeking shelter with friendly tribes to the north and east.

Elsewhere in Diyala, police Col. Ragheb Radhi al-Omairi said 29 members of a Shiite tribe were massacred overnight when dozens of suspected Sunni gunmen raided their village near Muqdadiah, about 20 miles from Baqouba.

On the political front Tuesday, the leader of a 30-member parliamentary bloc loyal to anti-U.S.

cleric Muqtada al-Sadr announced an end to a five-week boycott of the assembly, which had stalled work on major legislation.

Nasser al-Rubaie said the decision was made after the government agreed to rebuild a Shiite mosque in Samarra which was destroyed in two bombings and to secure the highway from Baghdad to the shrine. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

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UKRAINE | TRAIN DERAILMENT SPARKS TOXIC GAS CLOUD



YURI KALINAK / MINISTRY FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS OF UKRAINE/AP

TROUBLE IN THE AIR: Emergency workers near Lviv, Ukraine, respond on Tuesday after a freight train derailed late Monday and released a cloud of toxic gas that sent at least 20 people to hospitals. Hundreds of people were evacuated after the derailment sparked a fire in a cargo of yellow phosphorous, creating a cloud of gas that affected 14 villages.

Jet Skids Into Gas Station in Brazil

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL | A plane with as many as 170 people aboard crashed and burst into flames in Sao Paulo on Tuesday after skidding off a runway that has been criticized as being too short, the nation's airport authority said.

There were no immediate reports of deaths by authorities, but a wit-

ness said he saw one charred body as flames shot into the sky after the crash.

The Tam airline's Airbus-320 skidded off the runway at Congonhas airport, then crossed a busy road during rush hour before slamming into a gas station, said Jose Leonardi Mota, a spokesman with

airport authority Infraero. Tam Linhas Aereas flight 3054 was en route to Sao Paulo from the southern Brazilian city of Porto Alegre, Mota said.

The accident happened during heavy rains, and critics have warned for years that such an accident was possible at the airport because its runway is too short for large planes landing in wet conditions. (AP)

Life Terms In Libyan HIV Case

6 foreign medics have death sentences tossed in latest appeal

TRIPOLI, LIBYA | The death sentences for five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor accused of infecting hundreds of Libyan children with HIV have been commuted to life in prison, Libya's foreign minister said Tuesday.

The ruling came after the families of the children each received \$1 million and agreed to drop their demand for the execution of the six, who deny having infected more than 400 children and say their confessions were extracted under torture.

Foreign Minister Abdel-Rahman Shalgam said Tripoli was willing to consider the medics' deportation to Bulgaria.

Bulgaria's chief prosecutor, Kamen Mihov, said requests would be made Wednesday to have the medics leave Libya shortly. They have been jailed since 1999.

But the medics' main Libyan defense lawyer, Osman al-Bizant, told the Al-Jazeera television network that their deportation would depend on "whether there is the possibility of carrying out the punishment there [in Bulgaria]." (AP)



STAR CAUSES: One of Bollywood's top actors, Shah Rukh Khan, has taken on a new role as protector of India's threatened wildlife, a newspaper reported Tuesday. Khan will speak out against illegal animal trade and talk about the crucial role forests play in a new campaign.

World

Bolivia Aiming to Sew New Threads

Andean nation moves to restrict imports of used clothes from U.S.

EL ALTO, BOLIVIA | Those stained T-shirts and stretched-neck sweatshirts you clean out of your closet may one day wind up heaped waist-high on a plastic tarp in this chilly Andean city's vast outdoor market.

Clothes dropped off at charities in the U.S. and Europe are often sold and delivered to the developing world, where each year \$1.2 billion in used clothing sent from wealthy nations is rummaged through by

poor shoppers in search of a deal. It's a business that President Evo Morales considers shameful. In April, Bolivia became the 32nd nation to ban or restrict used clothing imports in an attempt to protect native clothing industries.

Applauded and jeered for the striped Bolivian sweater he wore to meet presidents and kings worldwide after his 2005 election, Morales understands well that clothes make the man.

But buying used clothing is a hard habit to break. On market days, poor and middle-class Bolivians alike search the heaps of off-



DADO GALLERIAP

BARGAIN HUNTING: A woman shops for used clothing at a market in El Alto, Bolivia. Officials want to limit the influx of used wares to protect native clothing industries.

season department store lines and Christmas sweaters.

Bolivia has an estimated 15,000 used clothing sellers, organized into unions. And while 6,000 of these "ropavejeros" have signed up for job training and loans, others have marched against the ban.

Many countries face similar struggles, with used clothes glutting the market like never before.

With a monthly paycheck under \$200 and five teenage kids to clothe, policeman Jose Luis Hernandez said he digs through the used clothing out of necessity, not choice.

"We want so much to dress our children in new clothes, clothes from the store. But we can't. We have to face reality," Hernandez said. DAN KEANE (AP)

China Tells Gamers: Get Out and Exercise

New rules will limit amount of time teens spend in virtual play

HONG KONG | The Chinese government has launched a campaign to limit the number of hours teenagers spend online playing games.

Under new rules that took effect Monday, Chinese Internet gaming companies must install a program that requires users to enter their ID card numbers. After three hours, players under 18 are prompted to stop and "do suitable physical exercise."

If they continue, the software slashes by half any points earned in the game. All points are wiped out if players stay on more than five hours.

The program is part of a government campaign to combat gaming addiction, "clean up the Internet environment" and "promote civilized Internet use," according to China's General Administration of Press and Publication.



After playing games for three hours, teens will be told to stop and exercise.

About 10 percent of China's more than 30 million Internet gamers were underage as of the end of 2006, according to the Chinese newspaper National Business Daily.

The government guidelines don't flat-out denounce the popular pastime, saying "measured gaming is good for the brain, but gaming addiction hurts the body."

Gaming companies The9 — which runs the popular "World of Warcraft" online game in China — and Tencent both said Tuesday they have started using the screening software. MIN LEE (AP)

BIG GIVE: Scottish property entrepreneur Sir Tom Hunter pledged to give \$2 billion to charity, he said in an interview Tuesday. This would be the largest-ever contribution to charity by an individual in Britain. Hunter, who built his fortune with a chain of sports stores, said he aimed to donate the funds through his foundation over a span of several years. (AP)

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SEASICK: Thai police reported they arrested a man planning to sell more than a ton of illegal puffer fish—which contain a potent toxin that can kill unsuspecting diners—at a wholesale market. The sale of the fish has been banned in Thailand since 2002, after six Thais who ate it died.

Breaking N. Korea Nuclear Déjà Vu

Envoy working to avert past history of stalled agreements

BEIJING | North Korea shut down its atomic reactor and is no longer making plutonium for nuclear bombs, prompting aid shipments to flow to the impoverished regime that struggles with shortages of electricity and food.

That happened Saturday as Pyongyang took its first step toward disarmament since the latest nuclear standoff began in late 2002. It's also exactly what happened in 1994

after the North struck a disarmament deal with the U.S.

As arms negotiators gather anew this week in Beijing, Washington is wrestling with the challenge of preventing history from repeating itself—and having another disarmament agreement end in failure.

Envoy arrived Tuesday for talks about the next steps for North Korea's disarmament that Washington says it hopes will lead to disabling the nuclear facilities by the end of the year, meaning they could not be easily reactivated.

After initial meetings with the North, U.S. nuclear envoy Christo-

pher Hill expressed optimism that a time frame for future steps could be agreed upon.

The North also shut down the reactor in 1994 after signing a deal with Washington, getting oil shipments in return and the promise of two nuclear reactors for generating

electricity. But construction dragged on for years as the deal lacked support from Congress.

Amid the stalling, the U.S.



Hill

believes the North secretly embarked on an uranium enrichment program. Instead of an agreement only with the North, the U.S. has brought in a handful of regional partners: China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

In principle, Beijing and Seoul are able to apply more leverage on the North as its main trade partners and sources of aid.

"I don't think it's going to be so easy for the North Koreans to walk away from this agreement," Hill said in an interview this week. "A lot of countries are stakeholders to this agreement."

BURT HERMAN (AP)

Afghan Poppy Crop Sets Record

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Afghanistan's heroin-producing poppy crop set another record this season, despite intensified eradication efforts, the U.S. ambassador said Tuesday.

Ambassador William Wood said preliminary data show that Afghan farmers harvested 457,135 acres of opium poppies this year, compared to 407,715 acres last year. The growing industry fuels the Taliban, crime and government corruption.

Government-led eradication efforts destroyed about 49,420 acres of poppies this year, a "disappointing" outcome, Wood told reporters in Kabul. (AP)

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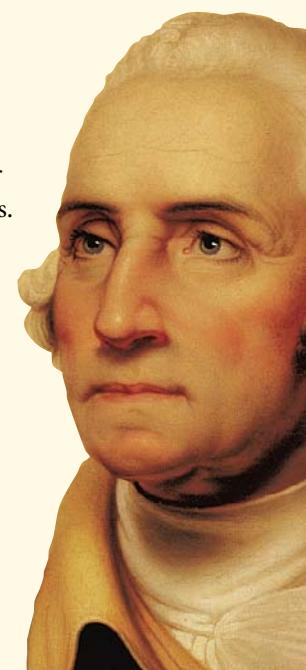
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Local

Club Plan Upsets Dupont

Land underneath circle eyed as site for displaced strip joints

WASHINGTON | Some residents are objecting to an idea that would literally drive some of Washington's strip clubs underground by placing them beneath a landmark traffic circle.

District of Columbia Council member Jim Graham said last week that he is considering a suggestion to allow at least two clubs

formerly located on the site of the Nationals' new ballpark to open in an abandoned trolley-car complex under Dupont Circle.

"I'm not sure this is the best space for any club setting," neighborhood activist Mike Silverstein said Monday. "The idea of having hundreds of people in an underground setting, where liquor is served and [with] very limited access in and out, brings up safety issues."

Graham initially proposed legislation that would have allowed clubs displaced by the baseball stadium

to transfer their liquor licenses and move to properties in the blighted New York Avenue corridor, prompting fears of an unwanted red-light district.

The D.C. Council later passed a series of limitations on where the clubs could relocate to keep them from clustering together. Graham said the idea of placing clubs under Dupont Circle would not move forward without community input.

The old trolley complex, known as Dupont Down Under, has a history of failed business ventures. (AP)

WASHINGTON | FENTY ENDORSES OBAMA



Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., left, answers questions after District of Columbia Mayor Adrian Fenty, right, announced his endorsement of Obama's 2008 presidential bid on Tuesday in Southwest Washington.

Barry to Be Immortalized in Wax

WASHINGTON | Former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry will be immortalized in wax when the latest Madame Tussauds wax museum opens this year in Washington.

Barry, now a District of Columbia Council member, was selected as the last of the 50 figures to be

displayed at the museum. He beat out nine other finalists chosen by museum officials, including Nancy Reagan, Oprah Winfrey and Cal Ripken.

The museum's general manager, Janine DiGiacchino, said staffers visited places like Union

Station and the National Mall to ask people who they would like to see displayed. "The response was an overwhelming landslide for Council member Marion Barry," DiGiacchino said.

Madame Tussauds is set to open in October and will be located downtown in the former Woodward & Lothrop department store. (AP)

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Money

WSJ Buyout Moves Closer

Bancroft family must still OK \$5B bid from Murdoch's News Corp.

NEW YORK | With Rupert Murdoch reportedly sealing a tentative agreement to acquire the Wall Street Journal, the question now turns to the biggest obstacle remaining for a deal: winning over the mercurial Bancroft family, which controls Dow Jones & Co.'s shareholder vote.

The family initially rebuffed Murdoch's offer in early May but later agreed to consider it. They insisted on, and received, a commitment to create an oversight board that must approve the hiring or firing of top editors at the newspaper.

Negotiators from Dow Jones and News Corp., the global media conglomerate controlled by Murdoch, reached an initial agreement to sell Dow Jones for \$5 billion, Murdoch's original offering price, the Journal reported Tuesday.

Dow Jones' board was set to consider the proposal Tuesday evening. Assuming the deal receives board approval,



Murdoch

the proposal would then be presented to Bancroft family members on Thursday, who would take several days to consider it, the paper reported.

Dow Jones, News Corp. and a representative for the Bancroft fam-

ily all declined to comment.

The Bancrofts have been divided about the fate of the company from the early stages of Murdoch's overture, which began in late March. Even after reaching a pact on editorial independence, there were other signs that the family remained split.

Two Bancroft family members who are also Dow Jones directors have been seeking to thwart Murdoch's efforts, the Journal reported, but neither appeared close to succeeding.

A union representing Journal reporters and other Dow Jones employees has objected to Murdoch's bid, saying he would downgrade news coverage and interfere with newsroom independence for his own business interests. (AP)

Dow Briefly Crosses 14,000 Mark

NEW YORK | The Dow Jones industrial average swept past 14,000 for the first time Tuesday after a mostly tame inflation reading gave investors reason to extend an extraordinary — but perhaps questionable — Wall Street rally.

The stock market's best-known indicator crossed 14,000 in the first half-hour of trading, though it didn't close above that level. It did, how-

ever, manage its fourth record close in as many sessions. The Dow rose as high as 14,021.95, having taken just 57 trading days to make the trip from 13,000. Broader market indicators closed mixed.

Stocks have risen fairly steadily since the spring amid a continuum of buyout news and evidence that despite higher fuel prices and the ongoing problems in the hous-

ing market and mortgage lending industry, consumers are spending and companies are still finding room for growth. With the Federal Reserve ever vigilant about inflation, any news that prices are rising at a moderate pace has added to the market's momentum.

The jump Tuesday came as Wall Street sorted through a somewhat mixed inflation reading and profit reports from blue-chip names including Coca-Cola Co. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ACA Cap n	8.15	+1.56	+23.7
Lyondell	47.05	+6.93	+17.3
Modine	28.04	+3.75	+15.4
PogoPd	57.50	+7.02	+13.9
ExcelM	34.08	+3.55	+11.6

Losers

Nautilus	9.90	-2.04	-17.1
Assurant	52.95	-5.85	-9.9
WstnRefin	59.15	-4.85	-7.6
KingPhrm	18.25	-1.28	-6.6
PlainsEx	47.88	-3.31	-6.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	.4887	.4909	.5498
Fed Funds close	5.24	5.20	1.0433	1.0429	1.1351
3-month disc	4.81	4.81	.7255	.7255	.7986
2-year	4.89	4.85	122.38	121.82	117.18
10-year	5.07	5.03	10.7399	10.7840	10.9800
30-year	5.16	5.13	32.93	32.91	32.82

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
QEP Co	10.52	+4.06	+62.8
Sonesta	58.99	+18.50	+45.7
AtlasSoSea	10.35	+2.05	+24.7
WHeart rs	3.10	+.59	+23.5
Iomai	1.69	-.04	-2.2

Losers

Metabasis	3.15	-3.75	-54.3
QiaoXing	11.04	-2.93	-21.0
Medtox	21.90	-4.76	-17.9
USANA H	41.38	-8.72	-17.4
LJ Intl	10.51	-1.84	-14.9

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4887	.4909	.5498		
Canadian Dollar	1.0433	1.0429	1.1351		
European Euro	.7255	.7255	.7986		
Japanese Yen	122.38	121.82	117.18		
Mexican Peso	10.7399	10.7840	10.9800		
Taiwanese Dollar	32.93	32.91	32.82		

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B	34.43	-.44	+10.4
Comcast s	28.18	+.54	-.1
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DiracTV	24.50	-.44	-1.8
Disney	34.68	+.21	+3.4
EchoStar	43.49	-.43	+14.4
GpTelevisa	28.50	+.47	+5.5
McGrwH	64.21	-.43	-5.6
NewsCpA	22.48	+.52	+4.7
NewsCpB	24.25	+.62	+8.9
Thomson	44.15	+.20	+6.5
TW Cable n	40.45	+.43	+3.9
TimeWarn	21.12	+.19	-3.0
ViacomB	41.59	-.47	+1.4
WPP Gp	75.66	-.62	+11.6

NO-SHOW SHOES: Celtic FC traveled from Scotland to America this week for a pair of friendlies against the Major League Soccer All-Stars and the Chicago Fire. The players' shoes, which baggage handlers at Denver International Airport had trouble locating, showed up about 45 minutes late to practice.



Sports



The indictment alleges that Vick began sponsoring dogfighting in early 2001.

Dogfighting Indictment For Vick

Federal grand jury brings charges against Falcons QB, 3 others

FOOTBALL | Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was indicted by a federal grand jury on Tuesday on charges related to illegal dogfighting.

Vick and three others were charged with violating federal laws against competitive dogfighting, procuring and training pit bulls for fighting and conducting the enterprise across state lines.

The indictment alleges that Vick and his co-defendants began sponsoring dogfighting in early 2001, Vick's rookie year with the Falcons.

It accuses Vick, Purnell A. Peace, Quanis L. Phillips and Tony Taylor of "knowingly sponsoring and exhibiting an animal fighting venture," of conducting a business enterprise involving gambling, as well as buying, transporting and receiving dogs for the purposes of an animal fighting venture.

Telephone messages left at the offices and home of Vick's attorney, Larry Woodward, were not immediately returned. (AP)

Slowed: Vick won't be able to outrun these charges, Michael Wilbon writes. | Today's Post, Sports

With DeShawn, Wizards Stay Whole

Team keeps the entire starting 5 intact by signing Stevenson

WIZARDS | Eddie Jordan could hardly stop smiling on Tuesday.

As the Washington Wizards' coach sat next to guard DeShawn Stevenson at a news conference formally announcing Stevenson's new contract, he was elated to finally have a full starting lineup with experience in his system.

"It's a great relief," Jordan said. "We're a step ahead of the game, as opposed to the last two or three years."

Stevenson, 26, re-signed with the Wizards on Monday, reaching a deal reportedly worth \$15 million over four years. His return means that, for the first time since Jordan took over before the 2003-04 season, Washington's group of projected starters is the same as last year's.

"I really wanted to stay here because I felt like I gelled with the starting five," Stevenson said. "I think the coaching staff and everything, it's easy to play with them. ... I think all around, it was a no-brainer."



DeShawn Stevenson, right, is now the long-term solution at shooting guard for the Wizards. Stevenson averaged 11.2 points, 2.6 rebounds and 2.7 assists last year.

The Wizards' starting five have constantly changed since the beginning of the decade. Arrivals and departures of key players such as Michael Jordan, Jerry Stackhouse, Gilbert Arenas, Larry Hughes and Caron Butler have led to offseason uncertainty and in-season growing pains. Establishing some continuity this offseason was a top priority for president of basketball operations

"My size allows me to stay in a lower-volume boat. My strength-to-boat-volume ratio is higher than most."

At 5-foot-2, Caroline Queen, 15, may be young and small, but she's a big part of the U.S. Senior National Kayak Team. | Today, Sports

IN The Washington Post

Ernie Grunfeld, and re-signing Stevenson was the biggest hurdle.

"We wanted to keep this group together," Grunfeld said. "We felt like last year, especially toward the middle of the year when we had the best record in the [Eastern Conference], we were really rolling before injuries set in. He was a big part of that." (AP)

Mystics' Plan Focuses on Playoffs

Despite a horrid start, Washington is 3 games behind the No. 3 seed

MYSTICS | When the Mystics returned to Washington on Monday, back from a few days of rest during the all-star break, interim coach Tree Rollins called a team meeting in which the first order of business was to construct a virtual road map for the second half of the season.

On a large board, Rollins wrote the names of the teams that the Mystics will likely have to chase down for a playoff spot — Chicago, Connecticut, New York — and each of their remaining schedules. Then he listed the Mystics' slate of games: seven at home, eight on the road.

From there, Washington formulated a list of "must-win" games, the



Nakia Sanford says the Mystics' goal is to do better than just make the playoffs.

first of which comes Wednesday morning in a matchup with the Houston Comets at Verizon Center.

"We're trying to do better than just the fourth-place spot," forward

center Nakia Sanford said. "It's not impossible. We know which games we definitely have to win."

Indeed, even after a horrendous 0-8 start to the season and a spate of inconsistency both offensively and defensively, Washington (7-12) remains a viable player in the race for the postseason.

Outside of leaders Indiana and Connecticut, only New York has a winning record (10-9). Last-place Washington, five games under .500, is just three games behind New York for the third seed in the Eastern Conference and 1 1/2 games behind Connecticut for the fourth spot.

"I think we're all focused and encouraged because we know we're not that far behind from being a team in the playoffs," forward Monique Currie said.

MARC CARIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Capitals Re-Sign Both Eminger And Sutherby

CAPITALS | Defenseman Steve Eminger and center Brian Sutherby re-signed Tuesday with the Washington Capitals, who also added free agent center Jason Morgan.

Eminger had one goal and 16 assists last season, his fourth with the Capitals. He has six goals and 35 assists in 192 career NHL games since being the 12th overall pick in the 2002 draft.

Sutherby finished last season with seven goals and 10 assists and was fourth on the Capitals with 78 penalty minutes. He missed the last nine games with a hand injury.

The 30-year-old Morgan played four games with the Wild last year and has two goals and five assists in 44 career games. (AP)

Sports



ROCKETS IN FLIGHT, OLYMPIC DELIGHT: Weather forecasters in Beijing are planning to fire rockets to disperse rain clouds in hope of securing more sunshine for the Olympics. The head of China's Meteorological Administration said summer was the last chance for practice under similar weather conditions before the Games begin Aug. 8, 2008.

Amid the Carnage, a Golf Tourney

With no one shooting under par, are Majors becoming too hard?

GOLF | No one seems to be having much fun in the majors except the guys who leave with the trophy.

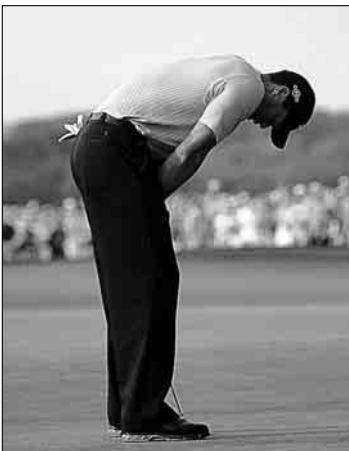
The cheers were muted at Augusta National, where frigid temperatures and bone-dry conditions made it the highest-scoring Masters in more than 50 years. Birdies were rare until Sunday, and even a 69 by Zach Johnson wasn't enough to allow him to break par over 72 holes. Jack Burke Jr. in 1956

was the last player to win a green jacket with black numbers next to his name.

Oakmont was even worse.

Already regarded as the toughest championship course in America, it became a sheer brute with gnarly rough framing narrow fairways that led to slick, scary greens at the U.S. Open. Tiger Woods was the runner-up, despite making one birdie over the final 32 holes. Phil Mickelson blamed his wrist injury on chipping out of the rough during a marathon practice round. Angel Cabrera won at 5 over par.

Next up is Carnoustie, which is



CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt on the 18th hole at the U.S. Open.

no cupcake.

Forgotten amid the debacle of Jean Van de Velde's collapse in 1999 was the winning score of 290, the highest for a British Open since 1947.

"It's not a good year for the stroke average," Nick Faldo said.

Indeed, this is shaping up as the toughest year in the majors since the Masters was created in 1934.

The odds are Carnoustie won't be as nasty as it was eight years ago, when an overzealous superintendent shrunk the fairways and grew the grass to absurd heights, and the number of complaints was

almost higher than the winning score.

"If the average player had to play out there, he'd probably quit the game," David Duval said at the time. "A lot of pros, too."

Few would argue that majors aren't supposed to be the hardest. They should test every aspect of the game. They should identify who played the best golf.

But with two champions who couldn't break par, it raises the question of whether the majors are getting out of hand.

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Sports

SUMO WRESTLING | AN UPSET OF GINORMOUS PROPORTIONS



BIG FALL: Grand champion Hakuho, left, is thrown by opponent Kotomitsuki, who won their bout on Tuesday, the 10th day of the 15-day Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament. Hakuho dropped to 9-1 as Kotomitsuki improved to a perfect 10-0.

Tour Favorite Falls Further Behind

Rookie takes final Alps stage as Rasmussen remains in yellow

CYCLING | A favorite to win the Tour de France, Alexandre Vinokourov's title hopes are fading fast.

The injured cyclist fell more than eight minutes behind Michael Rasmussen in Tuesday's ninth stage, the last of three stages in the Alps.

Juan Mauricio Soler, a 24-year-old Colombian competing in his first

Tour for the newcomer Barloworld team, attacked in the last of three major ascents and held off a pack of chasers to win the stage.

"I'm really happy.... Winning a stage is a dream," Soler said.

Rasmussen leads a thinning pack of hopefuls after the Alps proved too much for some.

His ambitions are growing to hold on to the leader's yellow jersey, which he took in the second Alpine stage Sunday. His main rivals did little during Tuesday's climbs. (AP)

ON HIS WHEEL

Michael Rasmussen continues to race well, but he is just minutes ahead of the contenders:

- Alejandro Valverde, 2:35 back
- Iban Mayo, 2:39
- Cadel Evans, 2:41
- Christophe Moreau, 3:18
- Carlos Sastre, 3:39
- Andreas Kloden, 3:50
- Levi Leipheimer, 3:53
- Oscar Pereiro, 6:36
- Alexandre Vinokourov, 8:05

MLB STANDINGS

THROUGH JULY 16'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST W L PCT. GB HOME ROAD

Boston	56	36	.609	—	31-16	25-20
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New York	46	44	.511	9.0	27-18	19-26
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Toronto	45	47	.489	11.0	26-19	19-28
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Baltimore	41	51	.446	15.0	22-22	19-29
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Tampa Bay	35	56	.385	20.5	20-27	15-29
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CENTRAL W L PCT. GB HOME ROAD

Detroit	54	36	.600	—	25-19	29-17
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Cleveland	54	38	.587	1.0	33-14	21-24
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Minnesota	49	43	.533	6.0	26-20	23-23
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Chicago	41	50	.451	13.5	19-25	22-25
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Kansas City	39	53	.424	16.0	20-28	19-25
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WEST W L PCT. GB HOME ROAD

L.A. Angels	55	36	.604	—	31-14	24-22
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Seattle	52	38	.578	2.5	30-17	22-21
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Oakland	44	49	.473	12.0	23-24	21-25
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Texas	40	52	.435	15.5	22-22	18-30
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST W L PCT. GB HOME ROAD

N.Y. Mets	51	41	.554	—	26-20	25-21
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Atlanta	50	43	.538	1.5	25-22	25-21
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Philadelphia	46	46	.500	5.0	24-22	22-24
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Florida	44	49	.473	7.5	19-27	25-22
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Washington	38	54	.413	13.0	20-27	18-27
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CENTRAL W L PCT. GB HOME ROAD

Milwaukee	52	40	.565	—	33-14	19-26
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Chicago	48	43	.527	3.5	24-21	24-22
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St. Louis	42	47	.472	8.5	21-22	21-25
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Pittsburgh	40	52	.435	12.0	22-25	18-27
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Houston	39	54	.419	13.5	24-22	15-32
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Cincinnati	38	55	.409	14.5	20-26	18-29
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WEST W L PCT. GB HOME ROAD

L.A. Dodgers	53	40	.570	—	27-20	26-20
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San Diego	51	40	.560	1.0	26-20	25-20
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Arizona	49	45	.521	4.5	27-20	22-25
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Colorado	46	46	.500	6.5	26-19	20-27
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San Fran.	38	52	.422	13.5	21-24	17-28
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TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN)

Jason Bergmann has struggled in his last three starts, giving up 16 earned runs in 13.2 innings against the powerhouse squads of the Pirates, Cubs and Marlins. On Wednesday, he'll face the Astros.

ORIOLES (10 P.M. ON MASN2) As the trade deadline approaches, Erik Bedard takes the mound for the Orioles, looking to show off his best stuff against the Mariners.

CYCLING (8:30 A.M. ON VERSUS) The Alps are behind the Tour de France riders, and Wednesday's stage spans 142.6 miles from Tallard to Marseille.

BASEBALL (2 P.M. ON WGN AND 8 P.M. ON ESPN) The Cubs host the Giants, and the Tigers are at the Twins.

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ROAD TEST | I suppose others have a more highly refined sense of aesthetics, but I just can't get behind the debate over the old versus new Scion xB, the funky five-seat space wagon sold by Toyota's Gen Y-oriented brand. Aren't they both ugly?

So, then, what's to celebrate about the second-generation xB?

Just about everything, starting with the fact that the xB feels a hundred times more substantial than before. The booming hollowness is gone, as are the unpleasant droning notes that seeped into the cabin at speed.

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more mainstream, with a kind of American hot-rod conventionalism (the chop-top roof) supplanting the Asian preciousness.

And, yet, take heart, xB devotees: It's still ugly. And that's a beautiful thing. DAN NEIL (THE LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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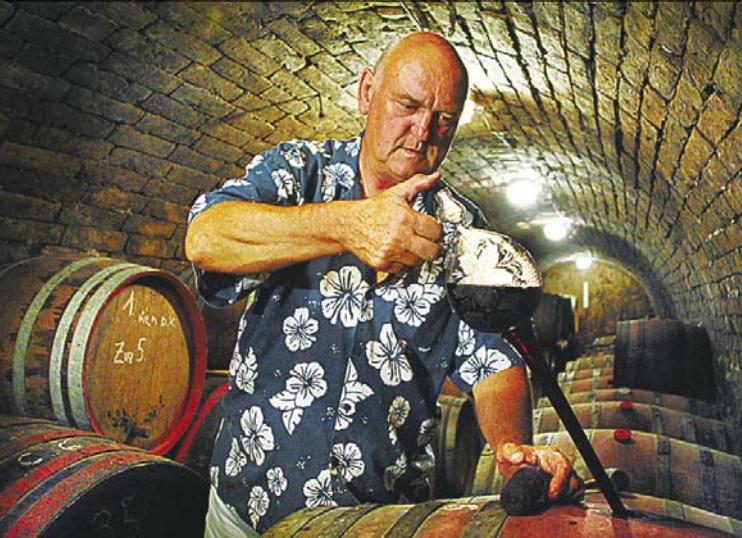


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Travel



ROME-ING THE COUNTRY: Pecs, Hungary, offers visitors a chance to see a former mosque and then take a wine tour in the same day. No wonder the Romans liked it.



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A Thirst for Hungary

Pecs offers a glimpse of the past — and a taste of the present

CITY OF GODS | A church without a steeple; a near-Mediterranean climate far from the Mediterranean Sea; winemaking traditions in the region dating from the Roman Empire. The southern Hungarian city of Pecs, in brief.

In 2010 — along with Essen, Germany, and Istanbul, Turkey — Pecs will be a European Capital of Culture. Located 125 miles south of Budapest, it's a comfortable three-hour train ride from Hungary's capital.

Pecs, or Sopianae as it was called by the Romans, has more than 2,000 years of its history on display. Besides its Hungarian traditions, the city has remnants of the

Roman times, dating back to 350 to 400 A.D., and the even more visible Muslim structures left behind by the Turks, who occupied the city for more than 140 years from 1543.

The Inner City Parish Church may not have an impressive name, but it is one of the most beautiful places of worship you'll ever see.

Standing atop Szechenyi Square in the city center, the church has undergone numerous transformations since the Middle Ages and you'd be forgiven for not recognizing it — because it looks like a mosque.

Actually, the stones of the Gothic Church of St. Bartholomew were used by the Turks to build the mosque of Pasha Gazi Kassim. After the Turks were expelled from Pecs in 1686, the mosque was taken over by the Jesuits, restoring it to its Christian use.

IF YOU GO ...

→ **Getting There:** Seven InterCity trains run daily from Budapest's Keleti station, a three-hour ride. It's also about three hours by car.

→ **Lodging:** A "pension" room for two in the city center starts at \$40 while a double room at a three-star hotel starts at about \$100.

→ **Villany Wine Region:** A 30-minute drive from Pecs. (Daily train service from Pecs is offered but not recommended.)

From Roman times, the most notable remains are the early Christian burial chambers, the earliest dating to the fourth century.

While archaeologists have been exploring them for centuries, the addition of the cemetery to the UNESCO's list of World Heritage

sites in 2000 gave the dig a fresh boost.

The remains of the Cella Septichora — an early Christian chapel from the fourth century with seven apses (vaulted recesses) first explored in the early 1900s — are now included in a new visitors' center that opened to the public just a few months ago.

Thanks to a labyrinthine set of hallways and walkways, the burial chambers can be seen from practically every angle.

About 22 miles southeast of Pecs are the Villany Hills, whose southern slopes and valley are shielded from the cold north winds and offer a home to one of Hungary's best-known wine regions.

Villany is also a town that is the unofficial capital of the local vineyards, which spread along a series of small villages where it seems every

family has its own little winery.

The Villany-Siklos Wine Route, which winds through 11 localities, can be a methodic way to explore the wine cellars, though how methodic you will still be after the second or third wine-tasting is hard to guess. For a more intimate experience with no loss in quality, you can try the wine cellars of Istvan Kovacs.

The Kovacs-Gressly Cellar produced its first wine here in 2001 and since then has won numerous prizes for some of its vintages.

French King Louis XIV once described the wines from Tokaj, in northeast Hungary, as "the wine of kings, the king of wines," and Kovacs proudly refers to his own product as "the queen of wines," a title bestowed on it by the late American violinist Yehudi Menuhin, who savored both.

PABLO GORONDI (AP)

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Electing to Go Alone

The lead singer of System of a Down flies solo this fall

METAL | System of a Down's Serj Tankian is one of modern metal's most popular singers. He's fond of wry political laments howled over demented guitar thrash tempered with Armenian folk. He is also a gentle protector of insects.

When an errant moth flew into the living room of his home in Calabasas, Calif., while Tankian served rosewater tea, he rushed to cup his hands around it and set it free out the back door. It was a sweet gesture from a vocalist whose most well-known chorus lyric is "I don't think you trust in my self-righteous suicide." But it gave a hint of where Tankian's head is as he prepares to release "Elect the Dead," his debut solo album, due Oct. 23.

Recorded in his rural home studio, with Tankian handling most of the nonpercussion instruments and engineer duties, "Elect the Dead" is more tender and songwriterly than "Mezmerize" and "Hypnotize," the two recent chart-topping System records. It's still a brutally engaging guitar-rock album, to be sure, but it seems to come from a longing for small, more personal changes than System's sonic assault suggests.

"Civilization is already over," Tankian said. "What I felt with



FUNNY ROCKER: System of a Down's cult following will be thrilled to learn that its well-loved lead singer, Serj Tankian, is releasing his debut solo album, "Elect the Dead," in October. The record reflects his political activism and bawdy sense of humor.

this record is that micro leads to macro. The other day I was trying to make a left turn on the freeway and a lady slowed to let me in, and that's the same thing as kindness between nations."

Likewise, "Elect the Dead" is full of tiny deviances from System's sound that add up to a distinctly different record. "Feed Us" is rife with jazzy breakdowns and nervous catcalls, and "Lie Lie Lie" is a daffy cabaret number with campy

girlish shrieks. "Unthinking Majority" and "Empty Walls" are more traditionally pummeling rockers. But it seems Tankian isn't burdened by the expectations placed on him as a vanguard representative of modern heavy music and as an activist for the Armenian diaspora.

Last year, Tankian lobbied Congress to pass an amendment recognizing the Armenian genocide in Turkey. While the album does have oblique references to "the East where

you killed her," "Elect the Dead" isn't a policy paper nor a way to distance himself from System. Because even with its steely lyricism and throttling textures, "Elect the Dead," as in his band's best moments, is also really, really funny.

"Even politics can't be completely serious," Tankian said. "We're silly creatures. If we could record the thoughts of animals, they'd think we're ridiculous." AUGUST BROWN
(LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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ROBERT NOVAK

The Plame Game

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Bad to the Bonus

DVD special features don't improve the quality of lousy films

DVD | Two major critical disappointments — “Premonition” and “Factory Girl” — arrived on DVD Tuesday. In both cases, the digital extras far outweigh the merits of the films. Critics universally panned “Premonition” (Sony, \$29), a psychological thriller starring Sandra Bullock as a wife and mother who doesn’t know if her husband is really dead.

The DVD has a few goodies, including an unsettling mini-documentary about real premonitions (such as an interview with a man who dreamed of a fatal plane crash but couldn’t get anyone to believe him); the alternate ending, which is far creepier than the one that was used; a truly funny gag reel; and affectionate commentary by Bullock and director Mennan Yapo.

“Factory Girl” (Weinstein, \$29), George Hickenlooper’s film about Edie Sedgwick (Sienna Miller), the ill-fated ’60s “It” girl and her muse,



DOOMED PURCHASES: The movies “Premonition” and “Factory Girl,” starring Sienna Miller, pictured, are just as bad on DVD as they were in theaters.

Andy Warhol, was being bandied about last winter as a potential Academy Award candidate. But that talk ended after the film opened to thumbs-down critical response. The DVD, though, features a compelling documentary, “The Real Edie,” that includes interviews with her older brother and people who knew her; Miller’s audition tape; a better-than-

average “making of” documentary and informative commentary from Hickenlooper.

The DVD features the unrated version of the film, which includes several scenes not in the theatrical version. One such reinstated sequence features Mary-Kate Olsen in her first role without twin sister Ashley.

SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Garbled Ode to New York

Suzanne Vega tries to honor her city with marginal success

MUSIC | Suzanne Vega’s “Beauty and Crime” (Blue Note) uses New York City as a backdrop to weave together a sometimes unrelated — but always wistful — mix of songs in honor of the city and its changes after the terrorist attacks.

The native New Yorker evokes the grief of rescue workers in “Angel’s Doorway,” a song about a cop stationed at Ground Zero, and



Vega, like many before her, attempts to capture the essence of the Big Apple.

the hope that slowly returned on “Anniversary,” an acoustic ballad that paints a picture of New York a year later when memories of loss filled the empty skyline.

The concept is noble, but it’s been

done before and naturally subject to comparison.

Wynton Marsalis. Leonard Cohen. Most notably Bruce Springsteen. Everything changed after Sept. 11 when they and countless others recorded albums of poetry and song to honor the city and its resilient wonders.

And to be fair, it’s not that the topic has become taboo. But it has to be done well if done at all.

And that’s the most unsettling feeling in the album, how it veers wildly away from the streets of New York and the theme she’s labored to establish to explore something new.

“New York Is a Woman,” which offers a sultry personification of the Big Apple, seems more like she fell in love with her own poetry. “Frank and Ava” is a ballad about Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner.

What? Old Blue Eyes?

RYAN LENZ (AP)



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1408 (PG13) 1:55, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25

EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG) 12:10, 2:50, 5:35, 8:10, 10:30

FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG) 12:30, 2:55, 5:45, 8:20, 10:35

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) 5:15, 8:15

KNOCKED UP (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13) 10:15 PM

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FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG) 3:45, 9:10

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13) 12:45, 6:15

SURF'S UP (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 5:40

KNOCKED UP (R) 7:40, 10:35

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EVENING (PG13) 2:10, 5:00

SICKO (PG13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:15

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RESCUE DAWN (PG13) ✓ 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10

EVENING (PG13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:25

SICKO (PG13) 1:25, 5:15, 3:50, 4:50, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30

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JOSHUA (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00

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YOU KILL ME (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:50

EVENING (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 7:10

SICKO (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20

GOLDEN DOOR (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10

LA VIE EN ROSE (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00

WAITRESS (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00

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Television



MAKING IT WORK: "Project Runway" buffs, listen up: Tim Gunn is back, but this time, the fashion guru has a well-deserved series all his own on which he helps women find their own style. "Tim Gunn's Guide to Style" will premiere Sept. 6.

Nothing Good on TV

TV Guide and TV Land produce a poor pair of reality shows

REAL BAD | Two TV networks live up to the "TV" in their names with programs set in the business. "America's Next Producer" (8 p.m., TV Guide) presents a contest between five men and five women to see who has the talent and drive to create a slate of hit shows. For their first challenge, the talented 10 have to create a one-minute comic short for the talk show "Last Call with Carson Daly."



JENNIFER MARLOWE: Loni Anderson harks back to her days on "WKRP."

While "Next" looks to the medium's future, "Back to the Grind" (10:30 p.m., TV Land) asks stars to reprise the jobs that their characters performed on their vintage TV hits. Trust me: This is not as interesting as it sounds.

We all know Loni Anderson was a receptionist on "WKRP in Cincinnati." But her real job was showing off her figure and delivering one-liners. Flash forward to 2007. We see Anderson get the hang of the switchboard and sweet-talk callers to a country station.

It's supposed to be a commercial for this Los Angeles broadcaster, but it's really a depressing reminder of why big corporate radio is so generic and boring.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

MY FERRET IS BETTER!

THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE (8 p.m., PBS) examines the competitive world of ferret breeding at Ohio's annual Ferret Buckeye Bash.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

GHOST HUNTERS (9 p.m., Sci Fi) goes Hollywood, visiting a house "haunted" by the Manson murders and investigating Charlie Chaplin's studios.

NO DEAL

BIOGRAPHY (9 p.m., Biography) profiles Howie Mandel.

BUSTED

Scheduled on **DATELINE** (10 p.m., NBC): Nearly 30 New Jersey men fall for Chris Hansen's predator sting.

KIND OF DELICIOSO

The contestants serve lunch on the



PBS
WHAT IS THAT? It's a ferret dressed up as a fairy. Duh. Check it out on PBS.

set of a Spanish-language TV show on **TOP CHEF** (10 p.m., Bravo).

NOT SO STEALTHY

The bomber is revealed on **TRAVELER** (10 p.m., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WRC	(4)	News (N)	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Most Outrageous Moments (N)	Last Comic Standing (N)	Dateline NBC (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Dateline NBC (N)	News (N)	Tonight Show	
WTTC	5	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	So You Think You Can Dance	The remaining 12 dancers.	Don't Forget	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Every-Raymond	
WJLA	7	News (N)	ABC Wid News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Next Best Thing	American Inventor (N)	Traveler "The Exchange"	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	(35) Nightline (N)	
WWUSA	9	News (N)	Evening News	News	Entertainment	King of Queens	King of Queens	Criminal Minds "Psychodrama"	CSI: NY "The Ride-In"	News (N)	News (N)	Late Show	
WDCA	20	Judge Judy	Judge Joe Brown	Scrubs	Scrubs	American Heiress (N)	Saints & Sins (N)	Still Standing	Still Standing	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.		
WMPT	22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Ferrets: The Pursuit of Excellence (N)	The Appalachians	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	Lady Bird	
WETA	26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Ferrets: The Pursuit of Excellence (N)	Sandwiches That You Will Like	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	American Masters (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	
WHUT	32	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Craft in America "Landscape"	The Great American Quilt Revival	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)		
WDCW	50	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends	Friends	America's Next Top Model	America's Next Top Model	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	
BASIC CABLE													
A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami "Dead Zone"	CSI: Miami "Hard Time"	CSI: Miami "Death Grip"	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	(15) Kansas City SWAT	
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries	The Most Extreme	Fooled by Nature	Planet Earth "Shallow Seas"	Planet Earth "Great Plains"	Miami Animal Police	Miami Animal Police	The Most Extreme Fooled by Nature					
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Hell Date	Access Granted	Baldwin Hills	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Take the Cake (Live)	
Bravo	Top Chef Contestants prepare.	Top Chef Fruit	Top Chef Shellfish.	Top Chef Shellfish.	Top Chef Chefs create an appetizer.	Top Chef "Latin Lunch" (N)	Top Chef "Latin Lunch" (N)	Top Chef "Latin Lunch"					
Comedy	(5:00) * "Out Cold" (2001)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park	South Park	Lil' Bush (N)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Colbert Report	
Court	World's Wildest Police Videos	Cops	Cops	Most Shocking (N)	Forensic Files (N)	LA Forensics (N)	Haunting Evid.	Haunting Evid.	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	
Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab (N)	How It's Made	Really Big Things Cirque du Soleil. (N)	MythBusters Submerged car.	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Addicted to Food	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Speed Cameras"	
DISCH	Code Blue "Long Hours, Late Nights"	Impact: Stories of Survival	Trauma: Life in the ER	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	Plastic Surgery: Before and After	
Disney	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	"Halloweentown High" (2004) Debbie Reynolds.	Life With Derek	That's So Raven	Life With Derek	That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	
E!	Child Star Con.	Child Star Con.	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Hip Hop Wives: Hollywood Story	Simple Life	Simple Life	Sunset Tan	Sunset Tan	Sunset Tan	E! News	Chelsea Lately	
FX	"League of Extra. Gentlemen"	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	★★★ "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. A right-wing militarist pursues the mutants.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	Rescue Me 62 Truck gets a new chief.	(04) Rescue Me "Black"	
HGTV	Look What I Did! Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Get It Sold	Design on a Dime	Get Out Way Out	House Hunters	House Worth?	House Worth?	House Worth?	Junk Brothers (N)	What's-House?
Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life	★★★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998) Antonio Banderas. Zorro's protégé crosses swords with a returning tyrant.	Modern Marvels: Dams	Modern Marvels: World's Strongest II	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	The 700 Club	
History	Snipers: World's Deadliest Snipers	Super Guns Today Tomorrow	Modern Marvels: Dams	Modern Marvels: World's Strongest II	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Modern Marvels: Saws	Lost Worlds	
Lifetime	Reba	Reba "The Will"	Still Standing	Still Standing	State of Mind "Pilot"	"A Trick of the Mind" (2006) Paul Johansson, Alexandra Holden.	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Will & Grace	
MTV	America's Next Top Model	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	★★ "Jackass: The Movie" (2002)	
NICK	Zoey 101	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Home Videos	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Divide and Conquer"	Ghost Hunters "Myrtle's Plantation"	Ghost Hunters New England homes.	Ghost Hunters New England homes.	Ghost Hunters Manson murders. (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)	Destination Truth (Season Finale) (N)
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	★★ "The Siege" (1998, Action) Denzel Washington, Annette Bening, Bruce Willis.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	House of Payne	House of Payne	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Friends	Friends	Friends
TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	Honey We're Killing the Kids (N)	The Boy With a New Head (N)	World's Tallest Woman	Mystery Diagnosis	The Boy With a New Head (N)	Mystery Diagnosis	Mystery Diagnosis	Mystery Diagnosis	Mystery Diagnosis	The Boy With a New Head	The Boy With a New Head
TNT	Law & Order "Turnstile Justice"	Law & Order "Bronx Cheer"	Law & Order "Asterisk"	Law & Order "Invaders"	Law & Order "Invaders"	Law & Order "Ain't No Love"	Law & Order "Ain't No Love"	Heartland "The Places You'll Go"					
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Watch"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Watch"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent					
VH1	100 Greatest Songs of the '80s	100 Greatest Songs of the '80s	100 Greatest Songs of the '80s	100 Greatest Songs of the '80s	100 Greatest Songs of the '80s	World Series of Pop Culture (N)	World Series of Pop Culture (N)	Scott Baio Is 45 ... and Single	Scott Baio Is 45 ... and Single	Scott Baio Is 45 ... and Single	World Series of Pop Culture	World Series of Pop Culture	World Series of Pop Culture
SPAN													
TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemundo	Dame Chocolate	Madre Luna	Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa	La Esclava Isaura	La Esclava Isaura	Noti-Telemundo	Fútbol Telemundo	Noti-Telemundo	Fútbol Telemundo		
UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Yo Amo a Juan Querendón	Amar sin Límites	Destilando Amor	Don Francisco Presenta	Don Francisco Presenta	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.		
SPORTS													
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)	Baseball Tonight	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis.	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPN2	Ray Evernham	NASCAR Now	Toyota's Ride to the Cup	The Bronx Is Burning (N)	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. Cruz Carabajal vs. Mike Oliver, from Boston.	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. Cruz Carabajal vs. Mike Oliver, from Boston.	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. Cruz Carabajal vs. Mike Oliver, from Boston.	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. Cruz Carabajal vs. Mike Oliver, from Boston.	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. Cruz Carabajal vs. Mike Oliver, from Boston.	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. Cruz Carabajal vs. Mike Oliver, from Boston.	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. Cruz Carabajal vs. Mike Oliver, from Boston.	Boxing: 1994 McGirt vs. Whitaker	Boxing: 1994 McGirt vs. Whitaker
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NEWS													
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JOBS

ADMINISTRATIVE/
DATA ENTRY ASSISTANT

Chantilly Law Firm seeks experienced administrative/ data entry assistant for high volume practice. Successful applicant must be detail oriented, possess excellent organizational and multi-tasking skills and have solid data entry/computer skills. E-mail resume and salary to kstone@logs.com or fax to 847-627-4791

ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, DANCERS - Do something meaningful! Entertain, lead activities for sm. group of seniors, Rockville. High-energy persons needed. Camp counselor or teaching exp. helpful. Activities incl. painting, movement, singing, conversation, 10-12 or 1-5:30 daily (flex # of days). Own trans reg. Email resume: dianacoffee@yahoo.com

AUTO MECHANIC

Need experienced ASE Technician/MD Inspector for a gas station in Columbia area. Commission plus benefits. Call 410-903-7898.

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needed immediately in Sterling, VA. Must be able to work a flexible schedule-weekends a must. Email resume to debbie@federalbakers.us or fax to 703-312-6051.

Barbers/Stylists/Braider
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Prosperity Salon needs a new staff. Manager, Receptionist, Hair Stylist, Braiders. Must be licensed with at least 5-7 yrs experience. Clientele is needed. Booth rental or commission available. Call 301-919-9272.**Beauty**
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JOBS

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Venable LLP, one of the top 100 law firms in the U.S., seeks team-oriented Billing Specialist with a commitment to client service. Responsibilities include preparing and processing of client bills and performing bill reconciliations. The successful applicant will possess excellent analytical, organizational and communication skills. Previous billing experience in a professional services firm a plus. Requirements include data entry skills and a minimum two years billing experience. Extensive benefits package, including free gym membership. Please respond to: **Venable LLP**, Attn: Recruiter, 575 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004; or e-mail to jobs@venable.com EO/M/F/D/V**CABLE TV—Box Collectors.** Evening and weekends FT/PT. \$500-\$1000+/wk. Fredericksburg, Prince Wm, Loudoun, DC. 1-877-876-7600.

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Rhino Cleaning Company is seeking senior managers for our accounts in MD/VA/DC.

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- Floor Techs

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Clerical

Bailiff, # 193

VA Workers' Compensation Commission
Individual needed to organize case files, prepare courtroom, record testimony and maintain order for hearings in our Fairfax Regional Office, located at Prosperity Plaza. For job details and State application, go to Bulletin Board at <http://www.vwc.state.va.us/employment.htm>

Hiring Range: Up to \$28,000. Completed Commonwealth of VA Applications will be received until the position is filled.

You can apply online or send your application to the HR Office, VA Workers' Compensation Commission, 1000 DMV Dr., Richmond, VA 23220, (804) 367-8637, (804) 367-1824 FAX, jobs@vwc.state.va.us. Resumes without applications will not be considered. EOE

CNA—Exper'd. Live-in only. Must cook, \$85-\$95/day. 301-306-1444.

COUNSELORS - RESIDENTIAL

Weekend staff needed. Sat & Sun, 8am-8pm/8pm-8am for MR/DC citizens. Will assist with and supervise ADL's skills, household duties and outings. \$9/hour. H.S. Diploma or GED required. Apply in person Mon-Fri. 9am-4:30pm, TOTAL CARE SERVICES, 5780 2nd St., NE, Wash, DC 20011.

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Analyst II
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FT w/benefits located in Rockville, MD but will require travel throughout Maryland. This position will provide problem analysis & ongoing user support in a client server network based team development environment, coordinating system development & implementation, & training users on the functionality of applications for agency or Statewide systems housed on mainframe computers or large client server platforms. The ideal candidate will possess 1 yr exp in problem analysis & user support in a client server network based team development environment.

Submit a MS100 application by 7/25/07 to Dept of Juvenile Services - OHR, One Center Plaza, 120 W. Fayette St., Balt., MD 21201. To download the MS100 & for detailed info including degree requirements, go to www.djs.state.md.us or www.djm.maryland.gov. EOEMD Dept of
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JOBS

Child Care

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NEW CENTER OPENING**Seeking Infant, Toddler, Twos, Preschool Teachers.** Prefer AA/BA in ECE, 90 Hrs (in Maryland) or CDA with experience teaching in child care center.

Excellent benefits:

Thursday, July 26, 2007,
3:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. AND
Saturday, July 28, 2007
9:00 a.m.-12 Noon**NEW CENTER OPENING IN AUGUST, 2007**
Bright Horizons at Crystal City
2451 Crystal Drive Suite 100
Arlington, Virginia 22202

METRO: Yellow Line to Crystal City. Take 18th Street Exit and turn left on 18th street. Go 1 block to Crystal Drive and take right turn on Crystal Drive. Walk 2 blocks and look to the left. There will be a tall building with KBR sign on the roof. This building is 2451 Crystal Drive. Bright Horizons is located at Suite 100 on the Ground Floor.

Tuesday, August 31, 2007
3:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Healthy Beginnings Family Center
5510 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852

METRO: Red Line to Twinbrook. Go downstairs and turn left. Walk through parking lot toward Twinbrook Parkway. At Twinbrook Parkway and Fishers Lane walk down Fishers Lane to the large building on the right-5600 Fishers Lane. Give name at front desk and someone from Bright Horizons will escort you to the center.

Thursday, August 2, 2007
3:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Blvd Suite 180
Arlington, Virginia 22203

METRO: Ballston Metro Stop Enter building at top of escalator and walk straight then slightly to the right. Take escalator to 2nd floor, through the double doors to the pedestrian bridge. Then enter NSF and walk straight ahead. Take stairs to go down to first level. Enter atrium. Bright Horizons is located on the left side of the atrium. Look for Sign on door.

Saturday, August 4, 2007
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Bright Horizons at 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue
1111 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

METRO: Go to Metro Center. Exit from F Street and turn Right. Go to right on 12th Street and go to Pennsylvania Ave and turn left. Center is immediately on the left. Bright Horizons sign in the window.

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JUNIOR PROGRAMMER/
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Mail, e-mail COVER LETTER, resume and salary history to:

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Springfield, VA 22150
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Dental Assistant/Front Office

Only experienced individuals need apply. Office in Temple Hills, MD. Fax resume to 301-702-2688.

DENTAL HYGIENIST—Quality care, strong work ethic & pleasing attitude desired in Bowie, 2 d/s/wk. Fax resume: 301-218-2455.**Dentist/Associate**—in Severna Park. Call 410-356-5032**DRIVE—Deliver & make \$**—A courier co in MD needs experienced couriers with own vehicle. We offer comm. + Gas incentives. Call 301-656-4086.**DRIVER \$ - \$600-\$800 weekly comm.** potential (depending on hours worked & number of deliveries) for qualified contractors with previous delivery experience & clean driving record. Map reading skills is a must. Call Don 314-219-2626.**Benefits offered by a third party company****DRIVER** \$ - \$750-\$1,000 weekly comm. potential (depending on hours worked & number of deliveries) for route drivers with own cargo van. Must be familiar to Washington DC Metro area & its traffic pattern. Qualified contractors with previous delivery experience, clean driving record & map reading skills must. Call Dick (404) 264-3041.**Benefits offered by a third party company****DRIVER** \$150-\$300/wkend
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Drivers/Warehouse

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EDUCATION

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- Elementary & PreK English Teachers
BA, Praxis II & exp
- Elementary & PreK Spanish Teachers
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- Classroom Assistants
AA or ParaPro & exp

Please send resume & cover letter indicating the position you are applying for to:

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or 202-745-2562 (fax). EOE

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Full-Time openings for both positions; Experience is required for Designer candidates; training is provided for Cut Flowers. Apply in person to: Johnson's Florist & Garden Center 4200 Wisconsin Ave., NW (@Van Ness St)

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Sodexho @ The George Washington University Hospital is seeking P/T general food service workers, cashiers, and baristas as well as experienced F/T Supervisor for our Starbucks operation. Strong customer service skills, evening and w/e work required in all positions. Fax resume to: 202-715-4423, no walk-ins please. EOE

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Full-Time P/C Licensed Acct. Mgr. Min 3 years experience servicing mid to large size P/C accounts starting at \$60K-\$100K, detail oriented, strong communication and writing skills. PC knowledge, TAM exp. a plus, CPCU, ARM, CIC or similar designation a plus. Salary ranges from \$45K-\$60K depending on exp. Dynamic and exciting environment. Located Dwntn. D.C. Please fax resume to: B. Gentry 202-223-9438

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Commercial P/C Senior Account Manager. FT. P/C licensed. Minimum 5 yrs experience servicing commercial P/C accounts with premium starting at \$100K. Ability to work autonomously, detail oriented, strong communication and writing skills. PC knowledge, TAM experience a plus. Degree or CPCU, ARM, or CIC a plus. Salary \$60K-\$75K depending on experience. Dynamic and exciting environment. Located downtown DC. Please fax resume to: B. Gentry 202-223-9438.

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State Farm Insurance Agent in the American University area of NW Washington, DC seeking a Customer Service Representative to service policy holders and market insurance products. Email cover letter & resume to richard@richardfrick.com

LEGAL SECRETARY

A small law firm in Bethesda specializing in securities, corporate, construction and commercial real estate law is seeking an experienced legal secretary. Applicant should be proficient with Microsoft Word, Access and Windows, type 60+ wpm, and be highly organized. The ideal candidate should be able to work in a fast-paced environment and be accustomed to working with both partners and clients. Experience supporting a transactional practice is a plus.

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MECHANICS

OPEN HOUSE GARAGE AND BODY SHOP MECHANICS

Saturday, July 21, 2007
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) invites mechanics with ASE and/or I-Car Certificationsto interview for multiple openings for Garage and Body Shop Mechanics.

Minimum requirements are:

- Must be 21 years of age
- Must have a High School Diploma or GED
- Minimum of two years mechanical or body shop experience
- A safe driving record with no more than 4 points/one moving violation within the last 24 months
- Must be ASE Certified (Garage Mechanics)
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JOBS

MANAGEMENT

Business Manager
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You will drive our growth strategy for our online and our print recruitment products. With a systematic and analytical approach, you will be able to capture new revenue streams by identifying customer needs through data analysis, listening to customer calls, and sales rep input. You will develop product and pricing strategies to maximize revenue. You will build, coach, motivate and provide direction for your team. Requires marketing analysis and management experience. Outbound sales of business development exper. preferred. More info: www.washpostco.com. Send resume to: talentsearch@washpost.com, Attn: SMOBJT

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Marketing

MEDIA PLANNER

As a member of our Marketing Research Department, produce industry-specific sales strategy presentations and media recommendations that match Washington Post Advertising products with client target audiences and objectives. Requires strong data analysis skills, ability to communicate media research concepts and technical data to lay people both graphically and in written reports, excellent writing skills, and Bachelor's degree. Expertise in Excel and PowerPoint strongly preferred. For more info: www.washpostco.com Send a cover letter and resume to: talentsearch@washpost.com. Subject line: MPEXP/JT

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Medical Technologist

Theranostics Health has an immediate opening for a certified medical technologist. This individual will work with a leading group of scientists and medical technologists formerly with the NIH and FDA to develop and implement diagnostic procedures for the management of cancer. Qualifications include a B.S. in life sciences and certification through the ASCP. Two years experience in a clinical laboratory or a medical device development environment is required. Competitive wages and a benefits package are offered. Send resumes to:

info@theranosticshealth.com

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST/COUNSELOR

Spanish-speaking P/T Clinical Therapist (LGSW, LICSW, MA in counseling/clinical psychology, doctoral candidate & psychologist) needed to provide individual therapy & family therapy in a home-based setting. Must have good writing skills. Rate of pay \$50/hour. Please email resume to: jwilli1126@aol.com

MENTAL HEALTH HOUSE MANAGER

Needed for MR residential facilities. Will provide oversight management and supervise direct support staff. Vehicle is required. Must be able to work flex. hours. Salary: \$25K. Fax resume & cover letter: 202-526-7631 or Email: sonyab@totalcare1.com

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For special needs teenagers. Requirements: high school diploma, mature, exper'd, no criminal or child abuse charges. Apply on site 1222 T. Street NW, Wash., DC.

NANNY—Live-in/out. For children: 7, 3 & newborn. Clean driving record & references required. Call evenings, 301-369-2860

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Needed immediately in Sterling, VA. Must be able to work flexible schedule and weekends a must. Email resume to:

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A small law firm in Bethesda has an immediate opening for a Receptionist/Secretary. The job includes performing administrative tasks such as answering the phone, filing, copying, faxing and organizing the firm calendar in Outlook as well as light typing. The ideal candidate should be highly organized with excellent communication and computer skills. Excellent benefits package includes: competitive salary, vacation and sick leave, firm provided parking or Metro allowance, health insurance, and 401(k). Position's hours are 9am-5:30pm. Office is one block from Bethesda metro. Applicants should email a resume and cover letter with salary requirements to: recruiter@randalaw.com.

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Internet Sales Consultant Cars.com

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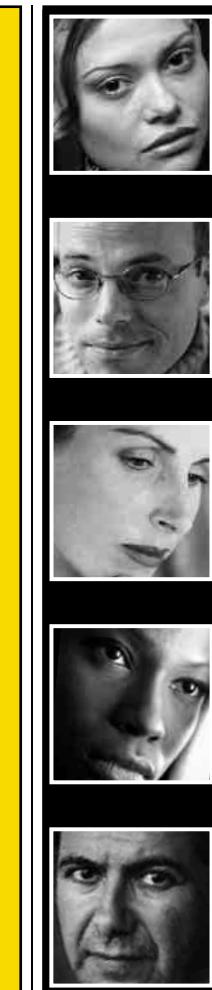
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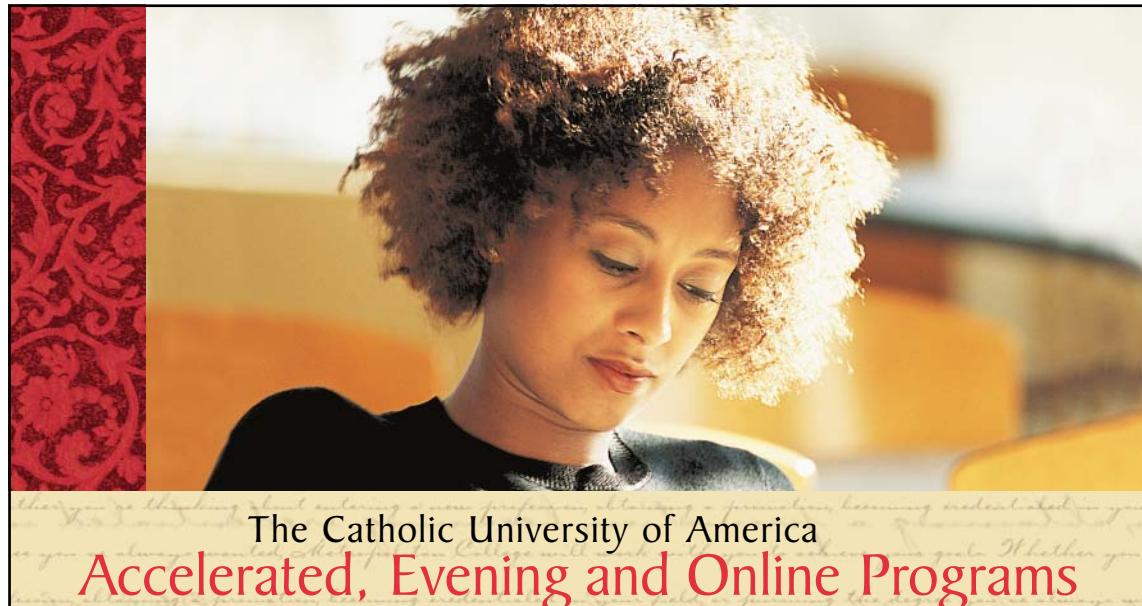
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Sirens wailing, bomb technician Paul Friedlander weaves his sport utility vehicle through the congested streets of Washington to a market, where his target sits on a sidewalk surrounded by police tape.

It is a nondescript green suitcase.

Sliding on gloves, Friedlander slices into the bag with a knife and flings the "threats" into the air: towels, sheets and clothes. It's another false alarm, one of thousands of suspicious item reports that have deluged police across the U.S. since the terror attacks of Sept. 11.

"Life is not the same for us," said Friedlander, who says calls about suspicious packages to Washington, D.C., police have at least doubled each year since the terrorist attacks.

Building evacuations, street closings and bomb-squad appearances are almost routine in big cities like Washington and New York, where police departments are stretching their resources to deal with suspicious item reports. But at times, authorities acknowledge, those reactions can seem silly in hindsight.

A post office next to the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum was evacuated in June because of a foul-smelling package. The box contained a dirty diaper.

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FALSE ALARM: A D.C. police officer responds to a suspicious-package call in June.

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have shut down the area. "You get jaded because it's never anything," Davis-Dow said.

Others say the inconveniences are necessary.

"After what we've been through, it's better to be safe than stupid," said Larry Bravman, who works at a restaurant in Washington, D.C.

Handling so many cases can be an elaborate undertaking. Years ago, an officer would simply pick up a suspicious package to see whether it contained a bomb, said Lou Cannon, president of the union that represents Washington, D.C., police.

Such a reaction seems primitive today, when bomb technicians are typically brought in to analyze suspicious packages.

Suspicious Minds

In May, more than 300 state workers in Tumwater, Wash., were evacuated from the state's Department of Corrections headquarters after a package arrived without a return address. Inside was a doll.

In January, authorities closed

parts of Boston after discovering blinking electronic devices. They turned out to be part of a publicity stunt for the Cartoon Network show "Aqua Teen Hunger Force."

Cyndi Davis-Dow, who walks 1 1/2 miles to her job on Capitol Hill

in Washington, said she spots street closures a couple of times a month because of suspicious items.

She recently noticed what appeared to be a child's abandoned backpack in a park and shrugged it off, believing that reporting it would

"It really takes away from responding to other needs, particularly in cities that are facing a rise in violent crime," said Joseph Carter, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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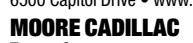
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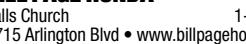
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Beverages

Improved production is taking the sting out of Mexican tequila

Consider if the only beers in American bars were Schlitz and Old Milwaukee. Or if wine shops stocked only Boone's Farm and Night Train. What place would these beverages have in American culture?

Tequila, this is your lot.

For decades, the bulk of the tequila sold in the U.S. has been bottom-shelf dreck, a hangover-waiting-to-happen that's made from inferior ingredients and marketed as a lowbrow party drug.

"Back in the '80s, that's all we were exposed to," said Kim Haasrud, a Los Angeles mixologist

and co-author of "101 Margaritas." "There were cheap tequilas on the market, and we thought, 'Well, that's tequila.'"

Forget everything you think you know about tequila, then commit this simple phrase to memory: "100 percent agave." Dozens of labels are carrying those magic words these days, the result of a production renaissance in Mexico more than a decade in the making.

As choices have flourished with growing demand, there's never been a better time to rediscover the national spirit of Mexico. Still, that news has been slow to penetrate American preconceptions.

Laurence Kretchmer tells the story of a woman who asked for a Cosmopolitan at New York's Mesa Grill, one of several restaurants he owns with chef Bobby Flay. Like any good tequila connoisseur, he jumped at the opportunity to win a convert.



the U.S. is what's known, somewhat disparagingly, as "mixto," meaning roughly half of it is made from agave, the unique foundation of all tequila, while the other half comes from added sugar.

It's the equivalent of padding your mom's meatloaf with dog chow.

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'80s, there were cheap tequilas on the market, and we thought, 'Well, that's tequila.'

KIM HAASRUD, MIXOLOGIST

That's a shame, because pure agave tequila tastes like nothing else in the world: It's bright and bracing, with racy citrus and vegetal overtones and a hint of sweetness.

Finding one of these is simpler than you might think: If the words "100 percent agave" appear on the bottle, then it's so, by law.

All the same, mixtos continue to rule the American market, Kretchmer said. "The trend in food and beverage in general is toward better things, but people aren't going to order what they don't know about. It's taking awhile to educate people." JOSH L. DICKEY (AP)

A basic margarita is the perfect introduction to the wonders of premium tequila.

"She looks at me and goes, 'Oh, no. I had a very bad tequila experience once,'" Kretchmer said. "And I explained to her that she didn't have

a bad tequila experience — she had an experience with bad tequila."

And who hasn't?

The lion's share of tequila sold in

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight
Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, a thunderstorm

90° 76°

Thursday

90° / 74°

Friday

83° / 69°

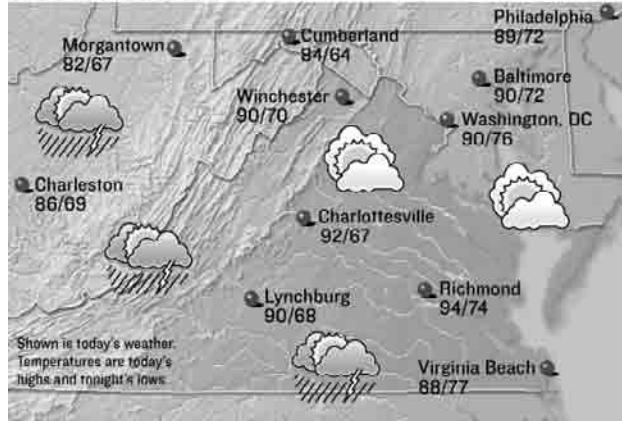
Saturday

84° / 67°

Sunday

85° / 69°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	92°
Low	70°
Normal high	89°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	38%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.27"
Normal month to date	1.99"
Year to date	16.44"
Last year to date	28.31"
Normal year to date	21.15"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

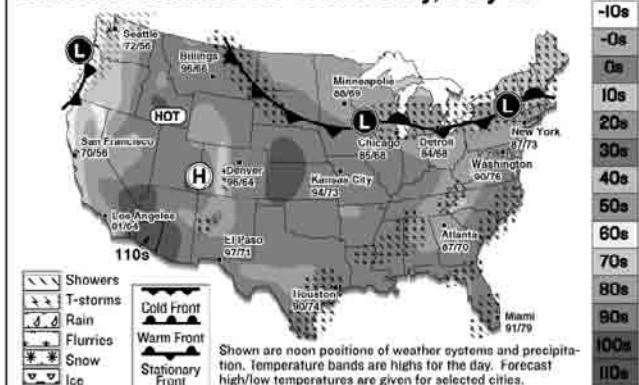
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny. High 90. Wind southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a thunderstorm. Low 76. Wind southwest 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 5:57 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:31 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:11 a.m.
Moonset today 10:55 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
July 22	July 29	Aug 5	Aug 12

National Weather for Wednesday, July 18



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	87/70/t	88/73/t	Amsterdam	70/55/pc	70/59/t
Boston	80/66/t	78/68/t	Athens	93/77/s	95/75/s
Chicago	85/68/t	82/62/t	Berlin	79/59/pc	77/55/t
Dallas	92/75/pc	93/76/pc	Buenos Aires	61/45/pc	61/45/pc
Denver	96/64/pc	89/60/pc	Calgary	85/58/pc	84/53/pc
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/76/pc	Dublin	66/52/t	66/50/t
Los Angeles	81/64/pc	80/63/s	Geneva	79/61/t	79/60/c
Miami	91/79/pc	91/80/t	Moscow	82/65/pc	77/57/c
New York City	87/73/t	87/75/t	Rome	91/68/s	91/66/s
Orlando	92/75/t	94/75/t	Sydney	56/39/pc	56/40/pc
Seattle	72/56/t	70/56/t	Tokyo	78/72/c	81/71/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

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Beauty Pool

Known for gowns, design team Badgley Mischka now hits the beach

Design team Badgley Mischka wants women to be as glamorous on the beach as they are at a gala. So, its first swimsuit collection elegantly mirrors the elegance of their evening gowns, with jeweled embellishment, expert drapery and delicate embroidery.

Badgley Mischka unveiled its bathing suits during Miami's fashion week, with designs remi-

niscient of old Hollywood. Brilliant metallics, navy blues, reds, limes and blacks predominated.

"We were sitting at the pool of the Beverly Hills Hotel this summer imagining the poolside there during the '40s and '50s, all the glamorous stars taking their cocktails by the side of the Beverly Hills Hotel pool," said James Mischka, explaining their inspiration.

Old Hollywood was a major inspiration, as in this retro-style red two-piece.

"These are glamorous swimsuits. ... They are taking you to Palm Beach, Capri and to St. Tropez and any yacht over 50 feet," he said.

On the runway, the front of a white one-piece suit was embellished with ruching and embroidered brown flowers, while pink jewels resembling brooches held together a black bikini.

"We used a lot of pretty hardware from our jewelry collection," said Mark Badgley. "We use the same beading and embroidering people that we use in our couture collection to detail some of the suits."

The cover-ups, such as a metallic halter top dress, can double as informal evening wear, Badgley said.

"Some of them have an evening gown look to them," he said. The customer "can just pop one over her swimsuit and go straight to a cocktail party at a resort community or when she's on a yacht or at a resort."

Creating swimsuits was very similar to creating the glamorous dresses the duo is known for, but with suits they spent a lot of time trying to perfect the fit, which is the most important thing, Badgley said.

"We really work on our suits, making sure they are flattering and they don't require a 16-year-old body to wear them," Mischka said. "Our customer is used to coming to us for things that enhance their figure, but they don't draw attention to her flaws."

Fern Mallis, senior vice president of IMG Fashion, which organized the fashion week, said the designers really know their clients.

"It was beautiful. I thought it totally had their style," Mallis said.

Meanwhile, Badgley Mischka is currently designing its first menswear collection, which will debut in one year. LISA ORKIN
EMMANUEL (AP)

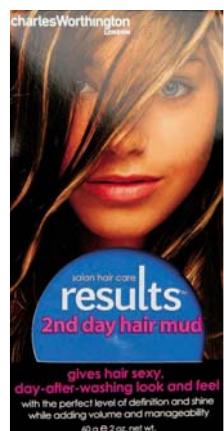
Food



Oreo Show a No-Go

Oreos are a dunk-a-licious, creme-filled gift from the cookie gods. Similar reverence is reserved for Hostess cupcakes. So, why would Oreo try to copy the Hostess formula by creating the new Cakesters (\$3, grocery stores)? For Oreo's 95th birthday, the company released these snack cakes, which have two rounds of "chocolate cake" around a layer of Oreo creme. The "cake" lacks all of the moistness of a Hostess cake, and the creme is grainy. All of the beauty of an Oreo has been stripped away. Somewhere, the cookie gods are weeping. ROXANA HADADI (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Your Name Is Mud

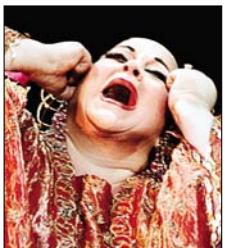
Certain things are better a little bit dirty, like puns or martinis. And hair!

2ND DAY HAIR MUD from Charles Worthington (\$6, drugstores) intends to give you that day-after-washing look that all the kids love. The problem is you can't get the product out of the tub. At all. It has the consistency of a vaguely sticky rubber ball, so you end up just rubbing your fingers across the surface. We managed to get a little onto our head, but not enough to do much of anything. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

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Not Italian Cheese

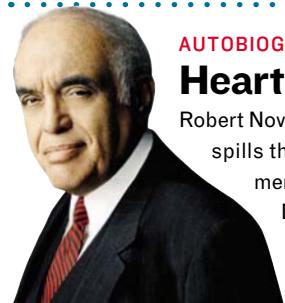
While popular with the proletariat, the operas of Giacomo Puccini have survived critical beatdowns for a long time. Library of Congress musicologist Denise Gallo explained why to Express contributor Katherine Silkaitis before her Smithsonian Associates lecture on Wednesday. | COMING UP



MUSIC

Wanderlust Kings

Gogol Bordello is a manic Gypsy-punk-ska world-music band led by manic front man Eugene Hutz. Express contributor Katherine Silkaitis talked to the hyperelectric group before its sold-out 9:30 Club show on Wednesday. | COMING UP



AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Heart of Darkness

Robert Novak has been a Washington insider for 50 years. He spills the beans about everyone from presidents to former CIA agents in his new autobiography, "Prince of Darkness." Novak spilled some more to Express contributor Tim Follos before his Politics and Prose reading on Wednesday. | COMING UP

comment board

Harry Potter is a cultural phenomenon that both adults and children can enjoy in equal measure. Certainly, one can save time and hassle ordering a book online, but part of the experience is visiting the bookstore, seeing the excited faces and waiting until the stroke of midnight."

COMMENTER HELENE OF TROY, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WOULD YOU STAND IN LINE FOR THE LAST 'HARRY POTTER' BOOK?"



Actually, I'd happily stand in line for any chance to avoid the hype involving the book and the movie. It's bad enough that we're inundated with endless reality shows, Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan."

COMMENTER MASON SPENCER, WHO ADDED, "WHEN YOU THROW IN THE 'HARRY POTTER' HYPE, IT ALMOST MAKES ME CARE THAT NICOLE RICHIE IS PREGNANT."

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should strip clubs be moved underground in Dupont Circle?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

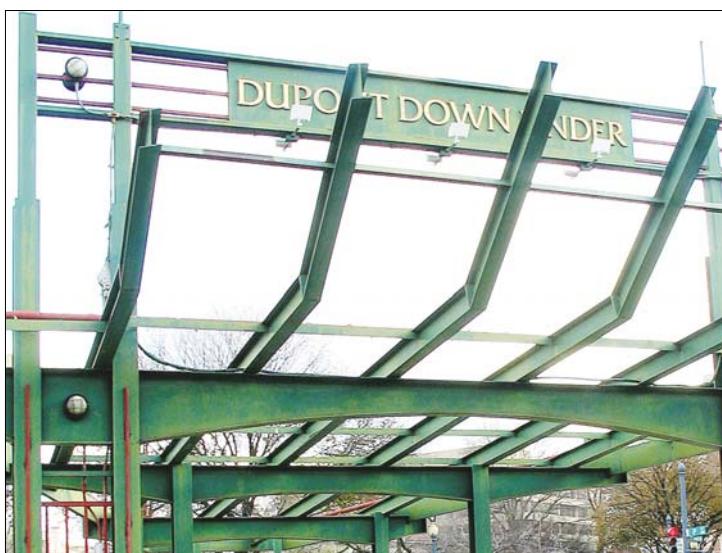
Would you stand in line for the last "Harry Potter" book?

AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

NO
84%YES
16%SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP

"Pedestrians are like water — they will find the path of least resistance and flow that way, regardless of the dangers."

DCSIDEWALKS.BLOGSPOT.COM MAKES A CONFUCIAN OBSERVATION AFTER READING MONDAY'S WASHINGTON POST STORY ABOUT LOUDOUN COUNTY COMMUTERS WALKING ALONG HIGHWAYS.



THE WASHINGTON POST

I wouldn't mind a police substation at the entrance to help protect the taxpaying adults who enjoy these legal businesses.

A COMMENTER AT WTOP.COM WELCOMES THE IDEA OF ADULT CLUBS AT THE SITE KNOWN AS "DUPONT DOWN UNDER" AND WOULD APPRECIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT'S INVOLVEMENT AS WELL.



Discussions

Cornel West

CORNEL WEST, Ph.D., renowned scholar and professor of religion at Princeton University, was online Tuesday and discussed his socially conscious recording project, "Never Forget: A Journey of Revelations."



What is the message in your project "Never Forget," and is this a CD that will be available commercially?

Oh, it will be highly available commercially. The fundamental

message of the CD with giants like Prince, Gerald Levert, Talib Kweli, KRS-One, Jill Scott and others is to provide a danceable education that highlights the need for an awakening, for political engagement for progressive politics and sheer fun.

Do you agree with Chief Justice Roberts that the best way to stop discrimination based on race is to stop taking race into consideration?

No, I think Judge Roberts is wrong. That in order to confront the ugly legacy of racism you don't act as if we are color-blind overnight. Such action is short-sighted and wrong-headed.

What is your response to Bill Cosby's position on the problems facing the black community and how they should be fixed (e.g., speaking only "correct" English)?

Bill Cosby's gallant attempt to correct the attitudes and actions of young people is significant. I believe that the language of correction must be informed by a fundamental compassion that he must put his love and concern for young people at the forefront of his language of correction. Young people must become more multilingual.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post staff writer Barry Svruga takes your questions about the state of the Nationals at 1 p.m. washingtonpost.com/discussions.

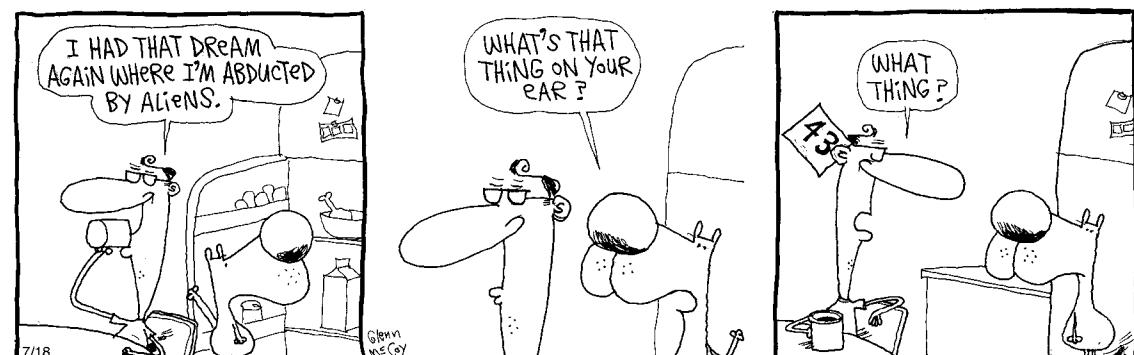
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GO OUT AND GIVE BLOOD. According to the American Red Cross, the blood supply in the Washington area has reached a critical low. Hospitals have been forced to cancel surgeries due to the shortage. Anyone looking to schedule an appointment to give should call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or 1-866-BLOODSAVES.

LOOK out

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"I can assure you we take privacy concerns very seriously. Now, on your way out, shut the bloody door."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have to wait around for a while before receiving information that will allow you to get on the road once again. Be patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A problem is likely to arise early in the day that gives you a unique perspective — and contains, in fact, its own solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Focus on the central issue at hand; don't allow those around you to distract you from something that you know is pivotally important.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A romantic adventure may be in the offing for you — if not, then very soon. You'll want to play carefully to ensure that things are perfect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone may be getting wise to your shortcuts lately, and it's important you get back on track and do things in a more legitimate fashion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your ability to get work done at a rapid pace can surely come in handy for you, as there

are many responsibilities you have to address.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be on the sidelines throughout most of the day, but your participation is sure to make the difference to others between success and failure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Resist the temptation to do those very things you've been warned against in the recent past. You don't want to disappoint yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll enjoy the opportunities that come to you, but you're going to have to choose carefully which to explore first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can share your talents with those who will surely appreciate all you have to offer — but take care you don't become too aggressive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You mustn't lose touch with those who have been a part of your life most recently; if a change is required, do your best to maintain contact.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be hard-pressed to prove to others that what you're doing is routine; those around you are sure something big is in the making.

Letters

NRA Rhetoric Grows Old

CAN WE PUT to rest once and for all the NRA's tired and deceptive rhetoric, "Guns don't kill people. People kill people" ("Guns Not Root of Violence," July 17)? The truth is, people with guns kill people. Guns

make homicidal violence quick, easy, impersonal and, often, consequence-free. You'd have a heck of time trying to kill 10 or 20 people in moments with a knife or a club. And part of the reason there is still so much gun violence in D.C. is that we live adjacent to the unregulated, Wild West-like gun bazaar also known as Virginia.

— CINDY JOHNSON
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

64 The Great Fire of Rome begins.

1792 American naval hero John Paul Jones dies in Paris at 45.

1927 Ty Cobb hits safely for the 4,000th time in his career.

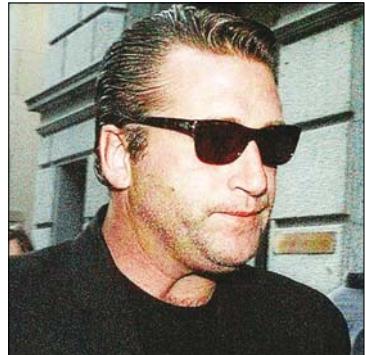
1947 President Harry Truman signs the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.



Ted Kennedy's car after the 1969 crash.

1969 A car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy plunges off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

Look out People



On the plus side, he looks like Alec.

SAD TRUTHS**Looking Like Alec Doesn't Make You a Real Celebrity**

DANIEL BALDWIN opened up about his cocaine addiction in a series of confessional video diaries to be shown Tuesday night on ABC News' "Primetime." "I've been very thorough in my recovery and identified where I am powerless," he said. "And I'm truly powerless over cocaine. There's no question about that in my life." (AP)

PAYBACK**The Money Won't Cure the Pain of Hearing Him Sing**

An employment tribunal ordered **STING** and his wife, Trudie Styler, on Tuesday to pay a former chef \$51,000 in compensation after she won a sexual-discrimination claim against them. Jane Martin won her claim in May. She said she was fired after she became pregnant. At a hearing earlier this year, Martin said she had worked for the pop star and his wife for eight years, cooking meals for them and guests. (AP)

**LOW FUNDS****He Can't Afford A New White Glove**

MICHAEL JACKSON has been told to pay more than \$256,000 in legal fees to a firm that handled some side issues during his 2005 child molestation trial. A Superior Court judge signed a judgment Friday that awarded \$216,837 along with \$39,177 in interest to the Torrance, Calif., firm of Ayscough & Marar, according to court records. Jackson's attorney, Marshall Brubacher, agreed in principle to the judgment June 26 when he told the judge that going to trial would be more costly and that "we want to stop the hemorrhaging." (AP)

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Next, Miller aims to change drink to Sienna Mist.

THOUGHTS**Why Didn't Al Gore Think of This First?****SIENNA MILLER**

teamed up with Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan on Tuesday to urge Indians to do more to slow global warming. The 25-year-old actress met Bachchan in Mumbai at the start of a weeklong trip to India as an ambassador for Global Cool. "If each one of us does our

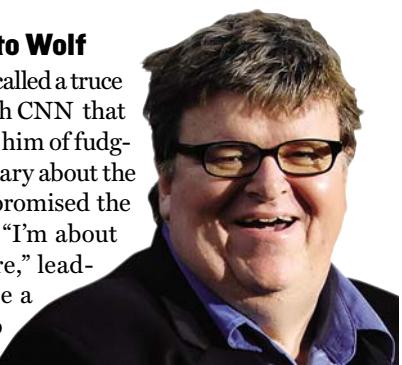
bit, we will be helping to keep global warming from harming our countries," Miller said. Bachchan, India's biggest movie star, announced that the Indian International Film Academy would partner with Global Cool to increase knowledge about greenhouse gas emissions. (AP)

**SKEWING OLD**
No One Reading This Knows Why Diller Is Famous

PHYLLIS DILLER is still cracking jokes as she turns 90 — even after cracking her back. "I still take the Pill 'cause I don't want anymore grandchildren," Diller joked. It's one of the age-related jokes Diller had planned to dish out Tuesday during a birthday appearance on "The Tonight Show." But Diller fractured a bone in her back last week by twisting while lifting a heavy item and had to postpone her appearance. (AP)

REALITY**Eventually, Everyone Bows to Wolf**

"Sicko" filmmaker **MICHAEL MOORE** called a truce Monday in his weeklong fight with CNN that flared when the network accused him of fudging facts in his popular documentary about the health care system. Moore had promised the network over the weekend that "I'm about to become your worst nightmare," leading CNN to post on its Web site a remarkably lengthy response to his accusations. (AP)



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**Associates of Applied Science
in Allied Health**

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Saturday, July 21st

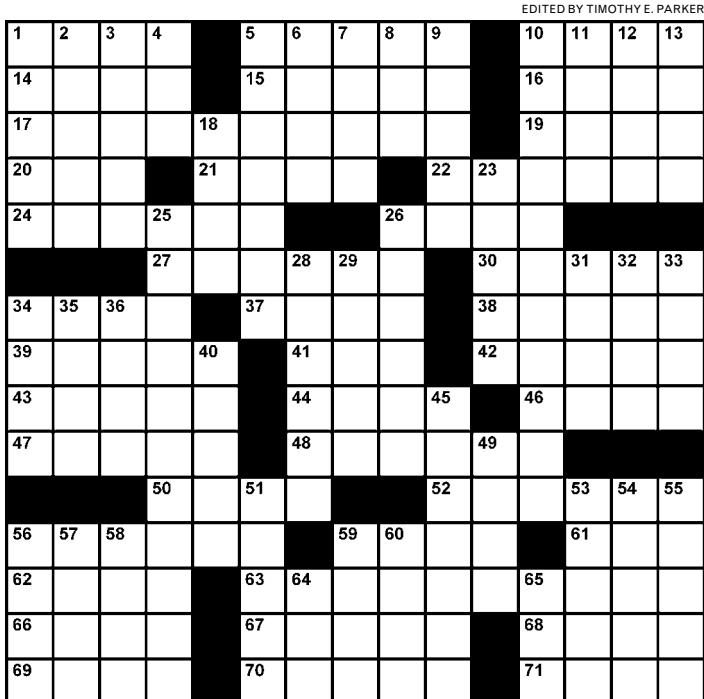
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ACROSS

1 Classic song by the Kinks
5 Become swollen
10 Clever comment
14 Australia's national gemstone
15 66, famously
16 Official language of Pakistan
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19 Ice and Iron, for two
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24 Removed splinters, in a way
26 Pitcher's boo-boo
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30 "Burn the midnight oil," for one
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9 It may be incognita
10 Medically unqualified physician
11 Hard-to-resist yen
12 Roman calendar notation
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18 Famed army doctor Walter
23 Henry's fair lady
25 Partial outlay
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28 They have at least four seats
29 Steven Seagal film, "Under ___"
31 Miss La Douce
32 Cookie for 95 years
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34 Chairlift alternative
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45 He played the same character for 20 years
49 Quartet with a defection
51 Poet Neruda
53 Consummate
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55 Thomas Cromwell, Earl of ___

56 Kasbah resident
57 Start of New Hampshire's motto
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P	O	W	D	E	R	K	E	G	S	T	Y	K
A	U	L	A	I	T	A	C	C	U	S	E	D
S	C	R	E	E	N	E	M	E	R	I	L	
A	R	O	D	I	S	I	D	E	B	A	N	
K	E	Y	S	E	A	S	O	N	P	U	N	
I	D	A	M	A	S	O	N	J	E	S	U	
S	O	L	D	E	R	N	U	R	T	U	R	
F	I	L	L	S	T	O	D	O	O	P	O	
A	L	U	M	B	A	B	Y	S	I	T	E	
L	I	S	A	E	R	A	S	E	L	L	A	
K	O	H	L	S	E	A	L	S	R	O	S	Y

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8	7	5	1	9	2	6	4	3
4	2	1	5	6	3	7	9	8
6	9	3	8	4	7	5	2	1
5	6	9	3	1	8	4	7	2
2	1	7	9	5	4	8	3	6
3	4	8	7	2	6	1	5	9
7	8	6	4	3	9	2	1	5
9	5	2	6	7	1	3	8	4
1	3	4	2	8	5	9	6	7

			1	9	8	7		
3	9	4			7			
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8				1	3	6		

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